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Augusta hearing Monday on latest bingo bill

By MICHAEL DANIELS

On Monday, April 27, the Legal Affairs Committee of the Maine Legislature will hold a public hearing on a bill which, if passed as currently written, could once again open the door for "high-stakes" bingo in Albany Township.

The hearing will begin at 9 a.m., in Room 437 of the State House in Augusta.

On the agenda will be "LD 526 — An Act To Clarify the Beano and Bingo Laws as They Apply to Federally Recognized Indian Tribes," as well as a number of other bills, including one to allow a "resort casino" in Oxford County.

"I would encourage anyone who is interested in LD 526 or the other scheduled bills to attend the Public Hearing, whether to express an opinion or just listen to what is being discussed," said Jeff Rosenblatt.

An attorney who has lived in the township since 1972, Rosenblatt has been a leader in the battle against high-stakes gambling on land owned by the Passamaquoddy Tribe in Albany.

He said he has been told it is not the intent of the bill's sponsor, Rep. Richard Cleary of Houlton, to re-open the gambling issue in Albany.

But nonetheless, Rosenblatt said, "The current language of LD 526 would once again make land in Albany Township eligible for a "high-stakes" bingo hall. We are hoping that the committee will consider an amendment to LD 526 that would limit the bill to its original purpose, which is to al-

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W. Bethel slaying suspect indicted

By M. DIRK LANGEVELD
Sun Media Wire

A grand jury last week indicted a 23-year-old man in the bludgeoning and strangulation death of a Raymond landscaper in February.

Agostino Samson, of River Road in Windham and formerly of Bethel, faces 25 years to life in prison if convicted of the murder charge.

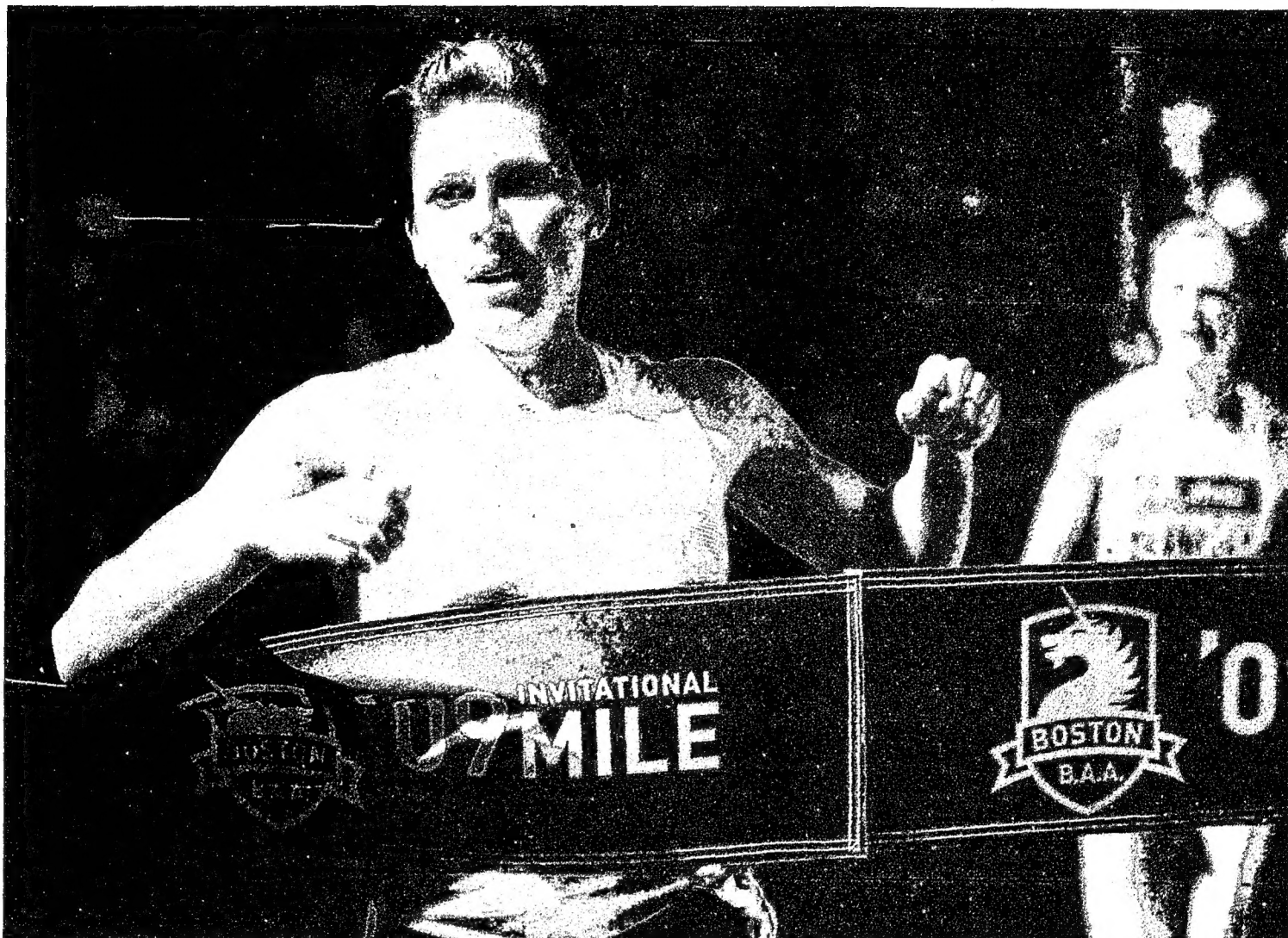
He was arrested 12 days after the body of 25-year-old Scott Libby was found in Libby's car, which had been parked on the railroad tracks in Bethel and struck by a train in the early morning hours of Feb. 20.

Dr. Marguerite DeWitt, deputy chief medical examiner for the state, determined that Libby's injuries were inconsistent with those the train would have caused.

Libby may have been beat-

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'02 Rebel takes first pre-Patriots' Day one-miler



Telstar High School graduate Anna Willard won the women's division of the inaugural Boston Athletic Association Invitational Mile Sunday in Boston. The race preceded Monday's traditional Patriots' Day Boston Marathon. Willard won the mile race in 4:38.6, taking home the first-place prize of \$3,000. Last August, she competed in the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, placing 10th. A 2002 Telstar graduate, Willard is now training for the steeplechase and the 1,500-meters events for this year's U.S. Track & Field Championships, which will take place in June.

(AP Photo: Michael Dwyer)

New owners plan to convert Sunday River Inn to ski shop

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry's Sunday River Inn will be an inn no more under its new ownership, but the cross-country ski trails will remain open.

Buyers Bill McSherry and Justin Van Til of "SnowConnect" described their plans for the inn and cross-country center to the Planning Board last week.

The inn, built in 1965, will become a retail ski shop. The

property will continue to function as a cross-country center.

"We're a specialty snowsports retailer focused on alpine and Nordic skiing, and we're a small, Maine-based company," McSherry told the board.

SnowConnect has two other shops, in Portland and Boston, he said.

The business will continue the tradition established by

long-time inn owners Steve and Peggy Wight of playing a large role in the community.

"A big part of our business is to be significantly involved in the community," said McSherry.

For example, he said, the association with the Maine Handicapped Ski Program will expand.

A chalet located on the prop-

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Newry seeks ideas on Branch Rd. access during bridge replacement

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry selectmen will send letters to Branch Road residents asking for their concerns about a project to replace the Eames Bridge.

Work is planned for this summer.

The portion of the project that has prompted the most discussion has not been the new bridge, but a temporary bridge that will provide access to the dead-end road during construction.

The temporary structure will only be needed for approximately two weeks, while the main bridge is completely shut down.

About a dozen people live on the road.

A 40-foot-long permanent bridge is estimated to cost \$120,000. But a temporary bridge capable of carrying car traffic is estimated at

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'Scenic Touring Route' map of Androscoggin headwaters now online

By MICHAEL DANIELS

If visitors from away, enjoying the Mahoosuc Initiative's "Spectacular Scenic Touring Route" through the headwaters of the Androscoggin River, find themselves curious about some stop along the way, or perhaps wondering what might lie ahead, they now need look no further than their iPhone.

Ditto if they're out there on the 100-mile loop, which follows routes 2, 16 and 26, and unexpectedly find themselves in need of the nearest public restroom.

And would-be visitors contemplating an outing can simply sit down at their home computer, where they will quickly find detailed information (including maps and links) on such topics as the Androscoggin Canoe Trail, how to find a guide or outdoor gear dealer, scenic overlooks, and the region's historical and cultural resources.

The new website is an online version of the hard-copy tourist map published last summer by the Mahoosuc Initiative (MI), with help from the Androscoggin Valley, Umbagog Area, and Bethel Area chambers of commerce.

The map laid out a scenic loop along routes 2, 16 and 26, as they circle the Mahoosuc Range and pass through the upper stretches of the Androscoggin River watershed.

Titled "Spectacular Scenic Touring Loop in the Mahoosucs," the map provided information about outdoor activities, as well as interesting facts about natural features

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Hard-won lessons from Nigerian polio survivor

By LYNN ARIZZI

Ayuba Gufwan contracted polio when he was four years old.

Youngsters in his native Nigeria who have the disease are not treated. They are considered "throw away children," and rehabilitation services are not provided.

Because they often lose the use of their legs, most can only get around by crawling. As a result, they cannot attend school, often several kilometers away.

For some, mobility is provided through wheelchairs, built by hand, that are powered by the recipient's hand, arm power rather than their legs.

At the age of 18, Ayuba's uncle gave him a bicycle wheelchair, allowing him to attend school for the first time.

Ayuba did well in school, earning a teaching certificate and a law degree, but he ultimately felt he could better serve his people by building bicycle wheelchairs.

He has dedicated himself to advocating for the needs of polio survivors and to providing bicycle wheelchairs, free of charge, to polio survivors.

The beneficiaries must agree to either attend school and graduate or enroll in vocational training.

Ayuba built his first bike in 1999. Now his factory has 18 employees, four of whom are polio survivors.

To date they have built 2,500 bicycle chairs, which cost approximately \$150 each to produce.

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Letters

A GREAT IDEA, BUT IN GILEAD

To the Editor:

In last week's Bethel Citizen, April 16, 2009 article: Grant sought to study feasibility of regional visitors Center here.

I was concerned that my project was coming to life with a grant application, for a grant from The Rural Business Opportunity Grant submitted by the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments. The grant application has already been submitted and Mr. Ferg Lea expects a response in May. Mr. Ferg Lea working with Robin Zinchuk, executive of the Chamber of Commerce, as reported in the Citizen, the idea for a visitors center was born last year out of regional envisioning meeting organized by the Maine Department of Economic Community Development and hosted by Sunday River ski Resort.

We attended this meeting to see if there were any monies from the loaning organizations, that attended this meeting. The monies will be used to buy back our property and open the Welcome to Maine Center, Showcase Advertising for Maine's Home Based and Small Businesses, and The Snack Shack Convenience Store, at Freedom Square in Gilead, Maine, that has been foreclosed against by Maine State Housing Authority July 15, 2008. The property and the Center has been approved by the town of Gilead and licensed by the state of Maine. We have been developing this project called the Community Attributes People Involved in Self Help Project for four years and have submitted our business plan to Kay Bank and Northeast Bank in Bethel, Bangor Savings in Augusta, TD Banknorth in Norway, T&M Mortgage in Auburn, Maine.

I have been working with a Certified Business Counselor since Dec. 29, 2008 at AVCOG to see why we were not allowed to get any funds or an application procedure from the banks or loaning organizations mentioned above. We have also spoken to the Maine's Office of Tourism and the Maine Tourist Association. Although all of them agreed that our project is a great project, they said there was nothing they could do for us and most of them would not send back our business.

Mr. Ferg Lea and Robin Zinchuk's description of their newly born idea, their idea has already been designed and developed by Freedom Square Development, developers: Robert and Darlene Corriveau-Levesque in Gilead.

Mr. Ferg Lea was hired by the town of Gilead to update Gilead's Comprehensive Plan since March 2006. The Center was opened May 15, 2007. I presented information about the Center at the Gilead Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting, Jan. 17, 2008, that Ferg Lea and the Gilead Comprehensive Planning Committee conducted this meeting, so Mr. Lea must have known that his new idea was already in place and developed.

I guess the article should be a compliment from Ferg Lea and Robin Zinchuk that the Center in Gilead is a very good idea and there is no need to move the project to Bethel.

We will be writing more on this topic.

Robert and Darlene Corriveau-Levesque Jr.
Albany

DOWNHILL DERBY BOTTLE DRIVE

To the Editor:

The West Paris Downhill Derby will have a bottle drive to raise money toward a new track at Derby Hill. We will take bottles from April 20 through Sept. 12. You can drop them off at Paines Bottle Redemption Center in South Paris. They can also be dropped off at Hill Top Pools and Spas in West Paris. If you would like, we can come by and pick them up. For more information, please call Katie Collette at 674-2628.

Thank you for your continued support.

Katie Collette
West Paris

NORWAY ROOFTOP ART

To the Editor:

Call for "Looking Up in Norway" images. As part of the Norway Arts Festival celebration in July, the committee is compiling a poster that combines a dozen or so images of Norway's weathervanes, rooftops, cupolas and steeples. If anyone has a relevant and original painting, photograph or drawing and is willing to give permission to have it reproduced, please let us know. The images will be designed into an artful poster and printed locally to be used to promote and fund the 2009 Festival. Thank you.

Lisa Moore and Ann Siekman
Norway

ATTENTION, STONE MASONS

To the Editor:

Judith Grover Tent 17, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War is requesting preliminary estimates for an addition to the Veteran's Monument on Main Street in Bryant Pond. This would include foundations and rockwork to match the existing monument.

We will begin fundraising for this project when we have an idea of the money needed.

Please contact Elsie Bonney, president, Judith Grover Tent 17 at 875-3800 for further information. Thank you.

Elsie Bonney
Bethel

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MOTHER'S DAY MADNESS IN BETHEL

To the Editor:

Several Bethel area businesses have joined together for a spring Buy Local Promotion entitled Mother's Day Madness in Bethel, spanning May 1 thru 10 in participating shops and restaurants. There will be special savings of between 10 to 30 percent for the duration of the promotion, and on Saturday, May 9, sidewalk sales and events will be held throughout the area. Some of the businesses will be offering free carnations for Mom, while quantities last!

The restaurants will be offering Mother's Day specials on May 10 and the dates leading up to that wonderful day — one created to celebrate that special Mom in your life.

Be on the lookout for a promotional insert in the April 30 edition of The Bethel Citizen as well as a promotional mailing that will be arriving in your mailbox on Saturday, May 2.

Bring either of these to participating businesses and enter to win a \$100 "Bethel Bucks" shopping spree. Drawing for the winner will occur on May 15.

Participating businesses can be located May 9 and 10, by looking for balloons near their entrances.

Many thanks to the following for their participation: 22 Broad Street at Gideon Hastings House, 32 Parkway Plaza, The Bethel Citizen, Books-N-Things, Brooks Bros., Inc., Designs Florist and Interiors, Good Food Store, Jade's Salon, The Jolly Drayman/Briar Lea Inn, Linda Clifford Scottish and Irish Merchant, Little Bits Consignment/Sherpa Babies, Maine Line Products, Mouse and Bean Internet Café, Mt. Mann Jewelers, Pooh Corner Farm and Greenhouses, Ruthie's, S.S. Milton, Sudbury Inn, Sunday River Gems, Timberlake's Home Store, True North Adventureware, The Victoria Inn and Restaurant, Western Maine Supply, and Wild Rose.

These local businesses as well as all the other businesses throughout the Bethel area appreciate your consideration of Buying Local. The owners of these businesses provide jobs to our Bethel area residents and circulate a tremendous amount of their income back into our local economy, unlike the big box stores that try to lure people in with their pricing. Let's all get into the "habit" of thinking Local before driving out of town to shop or eat!

Ellen Whitney, On behalf of the Bethel Village Task Force
of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

ADDITIONAL CHAMBER AWARDEES

To the Editor:

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce two more award recipients to be recognized at the 40th Anniversary Awards Dinner and Celebration on Friday, May 8. All are welcomed to attend the event.

The newest award category is the Rising Star Entrepreneur Award and it is going to be presented to Sam and Karen Saito of Homeslice Pizza. Sam, who is originally from Brooklyn, N.Y., met Bethel local Karen Wheeler when they were both working at Heavenly Ski Resort in Lake Tahoe. Karen convinced Sam that life in Bethel would be great and they moved back East to start their life together in Karen's hometown. Sam acquired his cooking skills through practice at a variety of businesses, most recently being the executive chef at the Sunday River Brewing Co. When Finish Line Pizza was put on the market, Sam and Karen saw an opportunity to start their own business and serve the delicious pizza that Sam grew up eating (and learning how to prepare!) in New York. Karen works at Sunday River and they have a young family, two little girls under the age of 2. Theirs is a story of a young couple, willing to roll up their sleeves to do what needs to be done to operate a successful small business. We are pleased to have the opportunity to recognize their efforts.

As sometimes is the case, we receive a nomination for someone who falls outside of the traditional award categories. The leadership of the chamber agrees that Betsy and Dennis Doyon should be recognized and celebrated for their incredible service as volunteers and then employees of Maine Handicapped Skiing for almost two decades. Under Betsy's leadership as executive director for the past twelve years, the program has grown and flourished to its present level. Dennis has been a tremendous asset to Maine Handicapped Skiing as the equipment manager. His ability to connect with everyone who is served through the program no matter what his or her disability is legendary. He pushes relentlessly to get the right equipment and resources for the program and he has served all the volunteers and participants with total joy for many years. Dennis and Betsy are both retiring from Maine Handicapped Skiing to focus their efforts entirely on their new business. The chamber is happy to join with the MHS Board, staff, volunteers and all those they have touched over the years in thanking them and providing them with a Special Recognition Award.

We would like to remind everyone that this event is open to all community members and friends and an RSVP to the chamber office by Monday, May 4, is required to secure your seat and meal. A full dinner and evening of recognition is \$38 per person.

Robin Zinchuk
Executive Director, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

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erty will be converted to a center for MHS.

The building, which sits near the Skiway Access Road, will be moved to the back of the property.

A small shed that currently serves as the MHS base will become a tuning location.

"The shed that houses Maine Handicapped Skiing is too small," said McSherry. "It will become the real tuning spot for our high-performance Nordic guests."

Van Til described other community-service roles planned by SnowConnect.

"We plan to do work with foundations and mentoring," he said. "We'd like to consider it as a civic place."

A formal application is expected to be presented to the board at its May 6 meeting.

Another snowboard shop
Planners also received an application for a new commercial building to house a snowboard shop.

A 56x36 building is proposed as part of the existing Timber Creek condominium development on the Sunday River Road, across from the Sunday River Gems shop.

Engineer Tom DuBois of Main Land Consultants represents Webb Builders on the project.

The building would have a road entrance separate from the one for the condominium project, he said.

The board will consider the application further at its next meeting.

If both the SnowConnect and Timber Creek plans come to fruition, a total of six ski/snowboard shops would be located on the Sunday River/Skiway Access roads leading to Sunday River Ski Resort.

Bridge

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Selectmen met Tuesday with engineer Eric Calderwood of Richmond, who has designed the new bridge.

In an effort to save the town much of the \$50,000 for a temporary bridge, they discussed other options.

Among them: set up a temporary pedestrian bridge and have residents park a vehicle on both

sides, or put residents up in a condominium for two weeks.

Regarding fire protection during that time, selectmen said they could arrange, to park a fire truck on the far side of the bridge.

The letter will ask residents to contact the town by May 15 with questions and concerns.

"We want to make this as

painless as possible," said chairman Jim Largess.

Calderwood said the portion of the permanent bridge work that will take place in the water is restricted to the period of mid-July to October.

The time restriction, required by the Army Corps of Engineers, lessens the possible impact on spawning fish.

Indicted

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en with a cast-iron frying pan and strangled with a belt, according to an affidavit filed by Maine State Police Det. Herbert Leighton.

Libby and Samson had known each other for about seven years prior to Libby's death, and Samson had worked for Libby's landscaping business in the summer of 2008.

Samson had been working as a cook at the Matterhorn Ski Bar in Newry and staying at the Bethel Hostel on Route 2. Libby met with Samson at the hostel on Feb. 19 to collect \$400 he had loaned Samson during the summer and return a watch and bracelet he had taken from Samson as collateral, Leighton stated.

Samson told police that the exchange happened without incident, and that Libby left the hostel promising to speak to Samson about rehiring him for landscaping work this summer. He later changed his story to say he punched Libby in

the face twice after Libby made sexual advances toward him.

Libby was found in his 2007 Chevrolet Cobalt, which was hit from behind by a slow-moving freight train shortly before 3 a.m. on Feb. 20. The car had been driven onto the tracks and was about 200 feet west of the Barker Road crossing, which is less than a mile from the hostel where Samson lived.

Police found the interior and exterior of the car covered with blood. They also discovered the broken handle of a cast-iron frying pan inside the car. The pan was consistent with two that were missing from the hostel, and blood on the handle matched Libby's DNA profile, the affidavit said.

Police also discovered apparent bloodstains on the outside doorknobs of the two main entrances to the hostel. Several of Libby's business cards, as well as bloodstain patterns, were found about a quarter-

mile south of the hostel on Westwood Road, investigators said.

Samson was an honor student at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School in Paris, and graduated from there in 2004. He has a conviction for the sale and use of drug paraphernalia in 2007.

Libby graduated from Windham High School in 2001 and Bentley College in Waltham, Mass., in 2005. He was the owner of Libby's Landscaping and Greenhouse, and also worked for H&R Block in Windham.

Samson is being held at the Androscoggin County Jail in Auburn following his transfer from the Oxford County Jail after a confrontation with other inmates in late March. Samson was briefly hospitalized after that fight with other inmates in a maximum-security block at the Oxford County Jail, and had been involved in two prior fights

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Landscape architect Terry Dewan presented the preliminary plan for the walking path along the Androscoggin River at a meeting in Bethel.

The March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon in Bethel raised over \$9,300.

Crescent Park School teachers Brenda Wight and Judy Coolidge had returned from a trip to Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Deaths: Lawrence E. Jordan, Lois E. Rose.

20 years ago: Snowfall for the winter of 1988-1989 set a new low with only 93 inches recorded at the top of the mountain at Sunday River Ski Resort, and a mere 880 inches at the bottom.

A spring concert was held at the West Parish Congregational Church featuring the choirs of the Bethel Methodist Church, the Congregational Church, and two handbell choirs.

Nationally recognized novelist Robin McKinley, a 1970 graduate of Gould Academy, read from her works in Bingham Auditorium.

Births: Larsen Drew Kjellman, Benjamin Donald French, Robert Dalton Bonner.

Death: Charles E. Poole.

30 years ago: Bethel's Comprehensive Plan gained approval at a special Town Meeting attended by 103 voters.

Dr. Steven E. Janko joined the dental practice of Dr. John R. Mason.

Betty and John Willard visited with Consuelo and Jim Alger in Manila en route home from India.

Deaths: Jessie T. Akers, Sr., George Kuzyk, Dr. Bryant Bean.

40 years ago: David L. Durand was appointed chief engineer at the Communication Satellite Corporation Earth Station in Andover.

The resignation of Rev. Clifford Laws was accepted at a special meeting of the members of the West Parish Congregational Church.

The explosion of an oil burner in the kitchen was the cause of an estimated \$4,000 damage to the home of Robert Tift on the Songo Pond Road.

Deaths: Wallace A. Hibbard, Mrs. Sadie H. Holt.

50 years ago: The so-called McAlister house on Elm Street was torn down and the cellar filled in.

A fire at the Skillington plant of the Bethel Dowel Corporation was confined to the boiler room and machine shop.

Roland Annis, Jr. was appointed foreman of Bethel's Highway Department.

Deaths: Carleton Libby, Thomas W. Burris, Leroy W. Coffin, Mrs. Tilda K. Koskela.

60 years ago: Forty girls took part in the 4-H Apron and Skirt Revue, which was designed especially for girls 10 and 11 years of age. It was the first time such an event had been presented and was held at the Universalist Church in Norway.

Six inches or more of heavy snow on April 19 hindered automobile traffic considerably.

An oil tank formerly the property of Standard Oil Co. was moved to Richard Davis' sawmill to be used as an incinerator.

Deaths: Perley C. Andrews, Alton Paine.

70 years ago: The senior class of Gould Academy presented the play "Lady of Letters." The cast included: Arlene Greenleaf, Dana Brooks, Julia Kasregis, Virginia Smith, Frank Littlehale, Claire Tibbetts, Lydia Norton, Murray Thurston, Mary Clough, Donald Holt, and Robert Keniston.

Deaths: Mrs. Cora Tyler Morrill, Miss Flora A. Swan, Miss Maude Russell, Hollis I. Abbott.

100 years ago: A maple sugaring party was held in West Bethel.

Eva Farwell was teaching at Middle Intervale.

The Rebekahs sponsored a concert at Odeon Hall.

The businesses of J.W. Purinton and Edward King as well as Odeon Hall were being wired for electricity by Jameson Phinney, electrician.

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Briefly

Consolidation penalty fluctuates

BETHEL—SAD44's financial penalty for failure to consolidate with SAU37 has become a moving target for district administrators and directors trying to build an FY'10 budget. Although district voters approved a consolidation plan in January with SAU37 (Rangeley), that school system defeated the proposal. But under current law, both systems stand to pay a penalty in the form of lost state aid. SAD44 has been working with a figure of approximately \$185,000. Supt. Dave Murphy recently learned that the final penalty figure would be \$172,803. But last Friday, he said, "We received news that the penalty had been recalculated, and now stands at \$198,404." The Legislature is expected to consider a bill that would exempt districts that voted in favor of consolidation from a penalty. But SAD44 must proceed with its budget, at least for now, on the assumption the penalty will apply, Murphy said.

Arla Patch to be on "207"

WOODSTOCK—Artist Arla Patch's new work will be featured on the TV show "207" on Friday, April 24, at 7 p.m. on Channel 6. Patch used the photographic process from her first book "A Body Story," with women in prison and troubled girls to create this new body of work. Their writing and stories, as well as the photographs, are the subject of her new book "Finding Ground: Girls and Women in Recovery" due out by the end of May. Pre-publication sales are available from her website: www.arlapatch.com

Region 9 board approves budget

MEXICO—The Region 9 School of Applied Technology board on Tuesday approved a \$2 million secondary school budget for fiscal year 2009-10. The board also unanimously approved an adult education budget of \$296,945. There was little discussion. Directors applied an \$80,000 carryover to reduce the \$2 million secondary school budget to \$1.93 million. That amount is up \$30,130 over the current budget. Electricity costs budgeted at \$25,000 for the new school building are driving the bulk of the increase, according to Director Brenda Gammon. To keep budget costs down, the board cut a total of \$26,000 by giving teachers 3-percent, across-the-board raises rather than expected step hikes. For example, Gammon said, a teacher's salary of \$42,310 would have been \$46,226 under the step system. However, with a 3-percent raise, the teacher actually loses \$2,646.70 from the step hike, giving the person a new salary of \$43,579. The Region 9 and adult education budgets will go to voters in the Rumford, Bethel and Dixfield school districts May 19.

Help with emergency drill needed

PARIS—The Oxford County Medical Reserve Corps will participate in a drill to convert a section of Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School into an emergency medical care facility. They need volunteers to assist with moving supplies, setting up the facility and disassembling it the next day. Help is needed April 23 or 24 between the hours of 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please contact Oxford County Medical Reserve Corps at 357-1821 or visit oxfordcountymrc.org.

Maine unemployment rate up

AUGUSTA—State Labor Commissioner Laura Fortman announced that the preliminary seasonally-adjusted March unemployment rate for Maine was 8.1 percent, up from a revised rate of 7.8 percent for February and 5.0 percent for March 2008. The national unemployment rate was 8.5 percent for March, up from 8.1 percent for February and 5.1 percent for March 2008. "March was another tough month for workers and businesses, as the global recession continued to take a toll on the Maine economy," said Fortman. "Although Maine's unemployment rate continued to track slightly below the national rate, 2,600 jobs were lost in Maine over the month, led by losses in construction, manufacturing, retail trade, and professional and business services." Labor market conditions continued to weaken nationally and in Maine between February and March, said Fortman. "There was a net decline of 2,600 nonfarm wage and salary jobs in Maine between February and March, led by losses in construction, manufacturing, retail trade, and professional and business services." Between March 2008 and March 2009, the number of seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs fell 17,000. Job losses were registered in trade, transportation, and utilities; manufacturing; construction; leisure and hospitality services; financial activities; government; professional and business services; information; and other services.

Man pleads not guilty on sex abuse

PARIS—A 55-year-old Andover man pleaded not guilty Friday to 11 counts of sexual abuse of a young child. Wilbur H. Hansen of South Main Street appeared in Oxford County Superior Court before Justice Joseph Jabar. Hansen was indicted in February on eight counts of gross sexual assault and three counts of unlawful sexual conduct. The alleged crimes occurred between October 2001, when the child was 5 years old, and July 2005. Hansen is free on personal recognizance bail. A condition of his bail is that he have no contact with children under the age of 16.

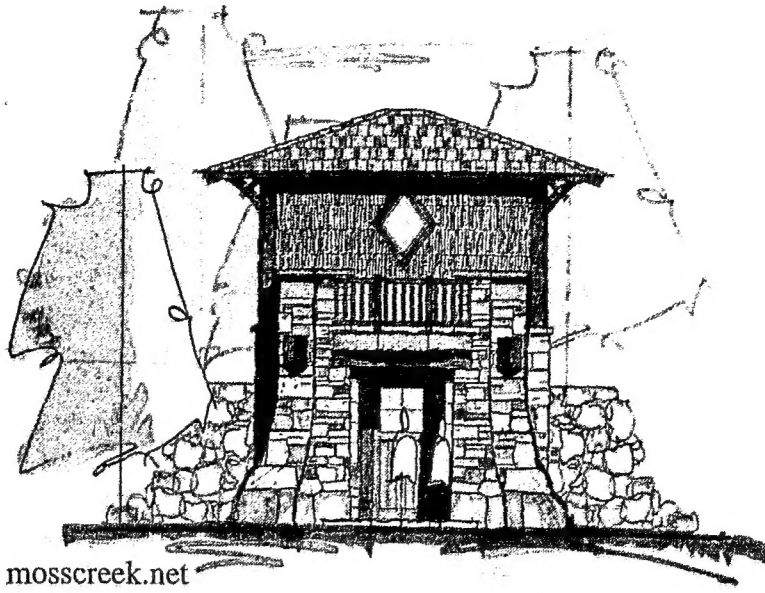
Woman indicted on hit-and-run

PARIS—An 18-year-old Brownfield woman has been indicted on a manslaughter charge in the death of a woman who succumbed to injuries after being struck by a car in a hit-and-run accident in Fryeburg. The Oxford County grand jury on Friday also indicted Tiffany Hamlyn on charges of aggravated operating under the influence and leaving the scene of an accident. The victim, Tiffany Hamilton, died March 27 in a Lewiston hospital, the day after she was injured on Route 113 outside her home.

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Bingo

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low the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians to operate a high-stakes bingo hall, a privilege now extended only to the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation.

"Unfortunately, the bill as written is much broader and potentially includes the site of the previously proposed Passamaquoddy Bingo Hall in Albany."

Rosenblatt said State Rep. Jarrod Crockett of Bethel, "has been very responsive and helpful to us."

"I understand that he has

spoken to the sponsor of the bill, Rep. Richard Cleary of Houlton and confirmed that the sole purpose of the bill is to benefit the Maliseet Tribe. I am hopeful that the bill will be amended so it would not involve any land in Albany," Rosenblatt said.

"Rep. Donald Sotomah of the Passamaquoddy Tribe has also confirmed that the Passamaquoddy Tribe has no interest at this time in the Albany bingo hall project, and he also has no objection to amending LD 526 to make it clear that it applies only to

the Maliseets in Houlton."

But despite these assurances, Rosenblatt is still urging anyone who cannot attend Monday's hearing to write or e-mail Crockett or members of the Legal Committee.

Crockett's mailing address is P.O. Box 701, Bethel, 04217.

His legislative e-mail is RepJarrod.Crockett@legislature.maine.gov.

Contact information for members of the Legal Committee can be found at www.maine.gov/legis/house/jt_com/lva.htm.

Map

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and the region's cultural heritage, from Errol to Shelburne in New Hampshire and from Upton to Bethel, to Gilead in Maine.

The map was an instant hit.

"Ten thousand maps were printed and much to our surprise and delight, all 10,000 have been distributed across the region and beyond," said Jeremy Sheaffer of The Wilderness Society, a MI partner organization.

The launching of an interactive, web-based version of the map is a further effort raise the visibility of the region's public lands, highlight their importance to outdoor recreation businesses, and to build support for additional land protection.

The map website was designed and produced by Connie St. Pierre, of Tourmaline Media in Bethel.

"Each location on the map is marked with icons representing the services offered, or activities available there, and the links are clickable to lead you to the information about that site," St. Pierre said.

"The map listings are very thorough, and provide contact information and details in addition to the location. ... It's a great tool for planning a trip, or just an afternoon outing," she said.

The next step, MI organizers hope, will be for more area chambers of commerce, regional and state tourism organizations, as well as individual businesses will link their websites to the interactive map, thus increasing its effectiveness in driving potential customers to local businesses.

"I really like the ease of access to the map," said Steve

Wight, owner of the Sunday River Cross Country Center in Newry.

Heather Piche, owner of North Woods Rafting, in Milan, N.H. calls the site "a terrifically useful tool."

And, notes St. Pierre, the web-based map can be quickly updated as realities on the ground evolve.

The Mahoosuc Initiative is a group of organizations and individuals working together to understand changes in the landscape and economy of the region surrounding the Mahoosuc Range and the upper Androscoggin River valley and to support community efforts to address challenges and promote the region.

More information on MI can be found at their website www.mahoosucinfo.org.

The new map can be found at www.mahoosucouting-map.org

Polio

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Last week, Ayuba spoke to the Rotary Club of Bethel.

He was accompanied by his hostess in the United States, Ann Lee Hussey of South Berwick, a polio survivor herself.

Ayuba showed a video of his country's many polio survivors.

He praised Rotary International's project to eradicate polio by vaccinating all children under 5 in infected countries.

But, he said, it is important to not lose sight of the hundreds of thousands of polio survivors who need rehabilitation.

CPS and THS

After speaking at the Rotary meeting, Ayuba and Ann Lee visited Crescent Park Elementary School, where pupils watched the video.

Because polio has been eradicated in the United States, the youngsters did not have first hand knowledge of the disease. (The last outbreak of polio in the U.S. took place in 1979, according to the Center for Disease Control.)

The CPS children had many questions:

Are you born with polio?
How do you immunize children?

What does eradicate mean?

How do people make the bicycle wheelchairs move?

How do you get from your car to your house or factory? (Ayuba showed them blocks of wood with attached handles that he uses for crawling. There are no ramps or other facilities for handicapped persons.)

Why is the disease called polio?

Where is Nigeria?

How can we help?

Ayuba also visited Telstar



Ayuba Gufwan of Nigeria, a polio survivor, owns a company that manufactures bicycle wheelchairs. But because there are no handicapped-accessible facilities in the country, Ayuba and others who have had polio use wooden handles like the one on the ground in front of him to pull themselves along the ground.

High School.

The students and Rotarians said they were very interested in helping the polio survivors of Nigeria.

CPS and THS students are now planning projects to raise funds to help purchase bicycle wheelchairs.

Anyone interested in contributing toward the purchase of bicycle wheelchairs or supporting Rotary International's Polio Eradication program may make checks out to the Rotary Club of Bethel (P.O. Box 471, Bethel 04217) and write either "wheelchair" or "eradication" in the memo line.

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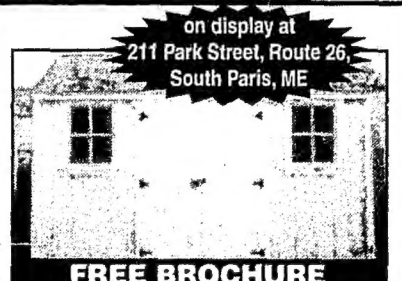
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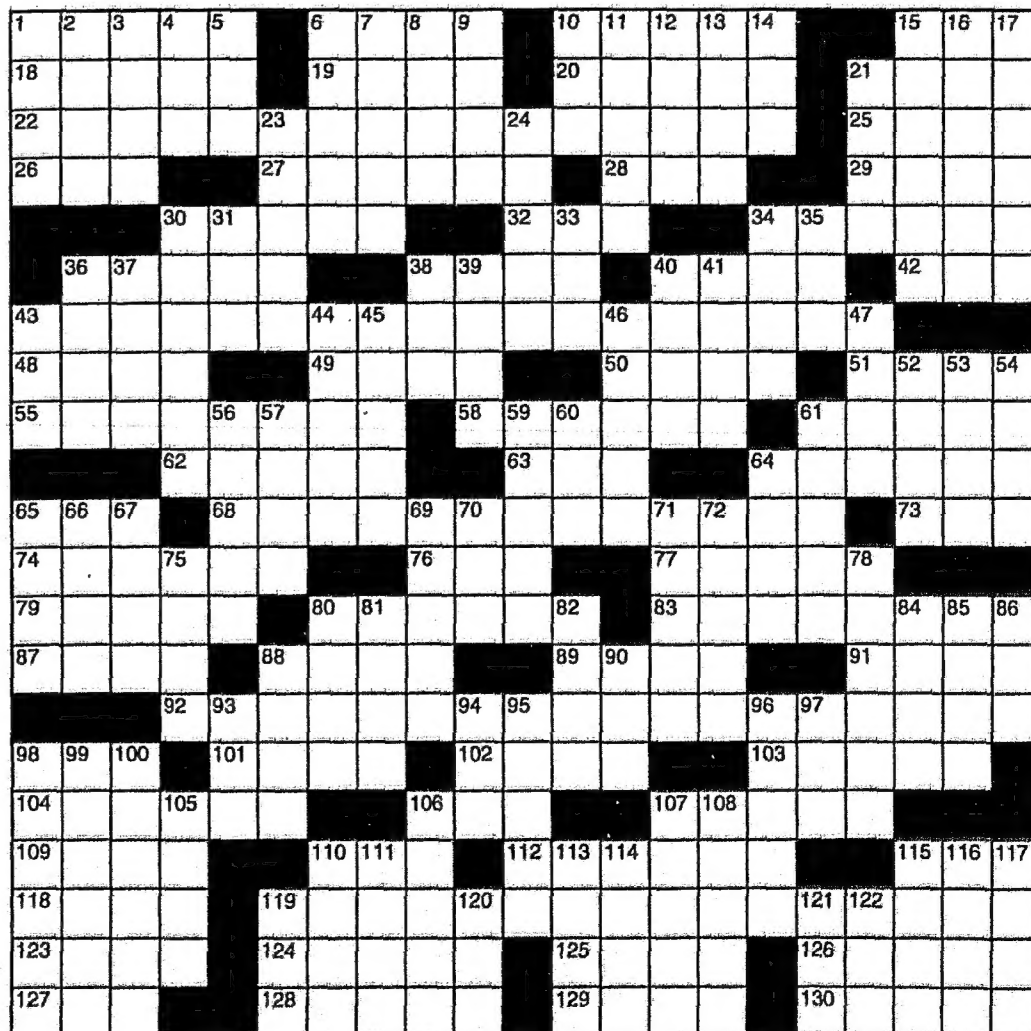
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Super Crossword

'Flight Manuals'

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Tuesday, April 21

At 5:12 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to the Flat Road for a 911 hangup call. The call was inadvertent.

Monday, April 20

At 8:51 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to a business parking lot for a property-damage motor vehicle accident.

Saturday, April 18

At 3:45 p.m. Lt. S.R. White responded to Paradise Road for a possible traffic hazard. Water had washed out underneath the pavement near a culvert, creating a hole in the road. The Highway Department was contacted.

Friday, April 17

At 1:30 a.m. on Main Street Officer Jeff Campbell arrested Floyd R. Rutherford, 55, for OUI.

At 10:10 p.m. Officer Jeff Campbell arrested Norman A. Warren, 38, on warrants from Cumberland County.

Wednesday, April 15

At 9:46 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to Route 292 for a report of a civil disturbance. Two subjects were issued disorderly conduct warnings.

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

April 20, 3:30 p.m.: Annette D. Bailey, 43, of Hanover, violation of bail conditions; by Trooper Jason Wing in Hanover.

April 20, 8:38 p.m.: Benjamin M. Smith, 19, of Bethel, failure to pay fines; by Deputy Mike Halacy in Woodstock.

April 19, 12:27 p.m.: Donald M. Hill, 37, of Cambridge, Mass., operating after suspension; by Trooper Ron Turnick in Bethel.

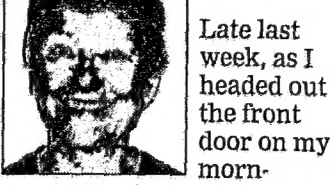
April 18, 1:58 a.m.: John E. Cox IV, 24, of Woodstock, DV assault, criminal mischief; by Trooper Greg Tirado in Woodstock.

April 17, 4:20 a.m.: Floyd R. Rutherford, 55, of Miami Beach, Fla., OUI; by BPD Officer Jeff Campbell in Bethel.

April 17, 10:55 p.m.: Norman A. Warren, 38, of Hanover; failure to appear, failure to pay fines; by BPD Officer Jeff Campbell in Bethel.

West Bethel

by
Lorrie Hoeh



Late last week, as I headed out the front door on my morning walk, I looked left and saw that the small clump of dwarf daffodils next to the foundation (south side) was in bloom! Furthermore, on closer scrutiny, I noticed the tiny pink and blue flowers of the pulmonaria (also known as lungwort or spotted dog) were in evidence. Even though there was still considerable snow around (mostly gone now), this was proof that spring was finally here.

The vegetable garden plot is actually ready to be tilled, and Mike may have completed that task by the time this reaches print. I must again take cuttings from the geraniums I started from cuttings last fall, and root them. The plants have pleased us during the coldest, dreariest days of winter with their bright blossoms. Before long, they will fill our window boxes and give us more enjoyment.

I saw in last week's paper that our neighbor, Nic Kingsbury, a junior at Telstar, has achieved Eagle Scout status. We have known Nic since he was in grade school, and we chat occasionally when I am out walking and he's waiting for the school bus. He has grown into an accomplished young man and is to be congratulated for this achievement. He went above and beyond, earning 30 more bad-

ges than the required 21. Well done!

Another neighbor, Keith Giles, e-mailed me last week with this query: "I've asked people I run across if anyone in this area has tried to receive the new digital T.V. signal, so far no luck. It seems I'm the only one who still uses an antenna. So I wondered if you could ask your readers if anyone has any luck receiving the digital signal and how they are doing it. Are they using a rotor, what type of antenna, booster and e-mail me at gilescustom@gmail.com." How about it, readers? Does anyone have any suggestions for Keith?

Sunday morning on public radio I heard it announced that it was Hang Your Clothes Out Day, in recognition of climate change and the energy situation. Not only does it make sense from an economic standpoint (not using all that electricity with a dryer), but things smell so good when they have dried in fresh air and sunshine. So I did a load of whites, hung them out, and then enjoyed the fresh smell when I folded them. Unfortunately, there are places in this country, and even in this state, where there are (ridiculous) covenants against hanging clothes, on the grounds that it's "unsightly." Bosh!

Saturday morning we had a few spinners at the Hoehstead for an extra spinning session, there being five Wednesdays this April, and that's too long to wait for our next "official" session, on the first Wednesday of next month. We enjoyed good conversation, traded spinning secrets, and of course partook of a potluck lunch. By the way,

if any of you out there are interested in spinning or knitting with us, contact me at dhoeh@megalink.net, or 836-3011. Beginners welcome!

On Saturday, May 2, a group of us will be in New York City, walking in the Revlon Run/Walk for Women, a benefit for the battle against women's cancers. Some area folks you may know who are participating are Ann Hastings Morton, bib 3444; MaryAlice Hastings Bancroft, bib 9230; and Virginia Hastings Gamble, bib 1999; otherwise known as the "Dairy Heirs." Others of us locals who will be wearing Dairy Heirs t-shirts in the walk include Susan Herlihy, bib 13156; Sharon Lyon, bib 819; and yours truly, Lorrie Hoeh, bib 888.

If you or loved ones have been touched by any of the cancers specific to women, and you wish to donate to the cause, you can go online to www.revlonrunwalk.com/ny/donate/, click on "Sponsor a Participant Online," fill in the name and bib number, then follow directions for getting to her page and donating. An alternative is to click on "Printable Donation Form," print it out, fill out, and mail in. Be sure you put the walker's name and bib number on the form, so that she gets credit for your donation.

Enjoy the progression of spring, listen to the bird songs, let me know what's blooming. I'd love to hear from you.

Upton

by
Laurie Brown



April 16 news: Selectmen and Jim Rector discussed the General Assistance Ordinance mandated by the state at the Public Meeting last Wednesday. They described the town's obligation to applicants who meet the state's criteria to receive financial assistance.

At the Selectmen's meeting, Rod Goodrum, Marie Aron and Norm Mercier unanimously voted to accept the General Assistance Program. In other business, selectmen graciously accepted \$200 from the Stateline Snowmobile Club for use of the schoolhouse, agreed to pay \$90 for Joe Bernier and Bob Brown to attend subdivision and site plan review seminars, and decided to accept bids to put steel on the schoolhouse, tear down the chimney and re-vent the wa-

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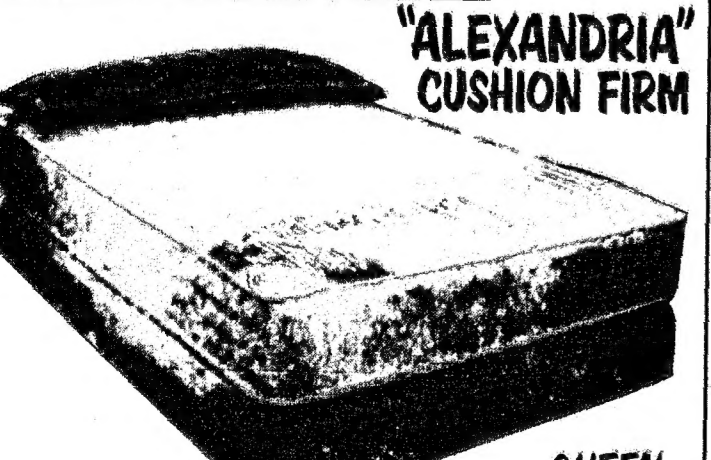
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card, which I will use at a later date. That night I stayed overnight with my brother Saul and Johan. It is always a pleasure to be with them.

Now that the snow is gone around the yard and the vernal pond is ice free the peepers started their spring songs on the 15th. Last night, the 19th, I heard the first owl. I think, it was a bard giving his hoots to the night, and he had an answer from a second owl hooting at the same time.

My son, Mark, suggested it would be a good idea to end suet feeding. He said the smell would attract bears to the area. I listened to him and have retired that aspect of bird feeding. The feeders are brought in each night.

Mark Wight and Mo Ginter are working at their campsite on Route 26. The Grafton Notch Camping area will open in May. If you would like to book a stay you may call them now at 824-2292. There will be more information as to dates when the campground is opening.

Claire and Cassidy Webster have sold some of the home-grown chicken eggs that are on sale only during the month of April. Give them a call at 824-2327 if you are interested. The price is \$3 per dozen. Eggs will still be sold after the April sale. Now that the BR Trading Post has a popcorn machine it is getting lots of use as customers are enjoying eating it. There are still lots of fishing gear to purchase. Licenses and registrations for ATVs are also available.

The Board of Selectmen meets on the first and third Monday of each month. The Planning Board members meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Their agendas are posted at the Town Office. If you need more information about these meetings you may call the office at 824-3123. All meetings at the Town Office are open to the public.

Gilead

by Lin Chapman

There are signs of Spring everywhere. The perennials in the flower garden are coming up, the spring birds are coming back and the "peepers" are singing in the pond behind the house.

I talked to my brother, Steve McLain, Sunday night and asked him what he had been doing so I could put it into the column. He replied that other than his Saturday trip to the transfer station and stopping here to visit, things have been quiet. He did do a little bit of work on his pickup over the weekend.

Hugh Chapman had a birthday on April 22, but we won't mention how old he is.

So I guess things are quiet in Gilead.

Gilead Fire Department

The GFD met last Tuesday night for their regular meeting of the month. They discussed who would be go-

ing to the Cumberland County Fire Attack School in May. There are usually around 5 or 6 members who attend.

Gilead Historical Society

Don Katlin has finished the cemetery signs for the four town cemeteries. He did a beautiful job and we can't thank him enough. There have been lots of "beautiful and well done" comments from as far away as Falmouth, Yarmouth and Portland when they got the e-mail with the picture.

Hopefully, the spring newsletter will be going out soon.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Hanover

by Clem Worcester

The ice went out of Howard Pond on Sunday, April 19. In the morning about half the pond had ice and by mid afternoon it was all gone except a few drifting pieces against the south shore. It was about two weeks earlier than last year.

The SAD43 school bus driver for Hanover students was taken ill while his bus was parked on Ferry Road before starting his morning pick-up one day last week. Soon after requesting assistance with his two-way radio, police, ambulances, fire rescue and other school buses converged upon the scene near the Hanover Town Office, and the driver was taken to the hospital. A substitute driver completed the route.

The Rumford Point Community Athletic Association will hold its annual bottle drive on Saturday, April 25, starting at 9 a.m. If you are not planning to be home Saturday morning please take your returnable containers to the ball field on Martin Road at Rumford Point. This is a major fundraiser for the children's summer baseball program and everyone's help is appreciated.

Sympathy is extended to Herb and Dottie Adams upon the death of Herb's brother Roscoe (Rockie) Truitt. He died Thursday, April 16, at Central Maine Medical Center at the age of 84. There will be a memorial service on Saturday, April 25, at Rumford Point Congregational Church starting at 11 a.m.

Do not forget the Rumford Grange 115 yard and food sale on Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will see you at the Grange Hall on Route 2 in Rumford Center.

After being dormant for the winter, Plumbago Mountain Mine exploded back to life on April 19. That was when a professional explosives manager touched off the first dynamite blast of the season. A crowd of well-wishers watched from a safe distance until the dust cleared before rushing in to see what might have been uncovered. A celebrant meal was served at Louise Jonaitis' house on Howard Pond Road after the blast.

Richard Stratton has returned home following a trip to California last week for his daughter's wedding at Yosemite Park.

East Bethel

by Nancy Mercer

The Bethel Stamp Club will try for a meeting on April 28 at the Robinson House at 2 p.m. If you like to collect stamps, please come to the meeting.

Alder River Grange will have a meeting at the Hall on April 24 with a potluck supper at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m.

I think everyone was surprised on the April 14 National News at the end of the newscast. I was half watching, but when Charlie Gibbons mentioned a new "something" from London, I looked up to see this old, frumpy looking woman on a stage. She was being booed by the audience and the judges were rolling their eyes, as well as me. What a surprise when she opened her mouth to sing! I still cannot get over the voice.

If you have any news, give me a ring at 824-3350. God Bless the Troops.

Bryant Pond

by Alice Hoyt

Judith Grover Tent 17 DUVCW met on Monday evening at the home of Alice Hoyt. The charter was draped for Past National President Mary Ellen Petry. Eleven members were present. Leatrice Chase received her 50-year pin, presented to her by her sister, Alice Hoyt. President Elsie Bonney read a memo about a bill to come up for funds for the Maine Monuments for Gettysburg, to keep them in repair. She also mentioned the proposed addition to the honor roll. The committee, Elsie Bonney, Sally Sawyer, Helvi Cary, Michelle Cary will be getting estimates on cost so money raising can start. Fifty calls were reported. Alice Hoyt received the mystery package.

Next meeting will be May 11 at the Grange Hall. Flags have been ordered.

Remember the Grange is having a Mock Hee Haw show on Saturday, May 2, at 7 p.m. Come for an evening of fun and good music. Help support the Grange.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:25 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting, Friday evening at 6:30 is youth group.

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Sunrise service was well attended as was the delicious breakfast and morning worship service.

Sympathy is extended to Jane Chandler and family for the death of her father.

Guests at the Ken Hoyt's for Easter dinner were Beth and Steve Hoover, JoAnn, David and Shawn Crockett and Jim, Charlene and Maggie Hoyt.

Historical Society

At the April meeting the members enjoyed Italian sandwiches, chips, popcorn and cookies. Don Hoyt gave a donation. Curator Larry Billings showed a cookbook he gave the society. Annella Burnham got the mystery package. At the game party games ranged from an Easter Bunny to a grater. The May meeting will be at the Museum.

West Paris

by Joyce Lamb

Summer is nearly here. All the snow on my property has melted away. The lawns have started to green. The days are longer but the temperature has not reached a summer mark as yet. The flowerbeds have been cleared of the wet, frozen leaves allowing the crocuses to bloom and the daffodils to bud. Tulip leaves are beginning to show but still no buds.

On April 26 at the West Paris Universalist Church the Rev. Richard Beal will speak about "Responsible Gardening." The service is at 9 a.m. followed by a coffee hour. Jim Burke is organist. The Goodwill Fellowship will attend as a group.

A reminder: A potluck supper on April 24 at 5:30 p.m. will be held at the Universalist Church. All present and former members and friends are invited. A discussion follows of ideas and feelings about the present and future of the church, which has been a part of the community for over a hundred years.

Cynthia Lamb and Milton and Eleanor Inman returned from Plant City, Fla., last week and are busy opening and cleaning their camps.

The Cotton Top walking group is increasing in size as the weather gets better and the Florida people are returning.

Muffin is napping on the desk and goes wherever I am working. She is a big help and gives me someone to talk with beside myself.

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Albany

by Sheila Dyke

Greetings and hello from Albany Township. We hope all is well with everyone out there. We've been enjoying the spring weather — getting the yards/lawns/gardens cleaned out and ready for planting now that most of the snow is gone. Of course, now it's gonna rain for a while. Ah, well...

Dana and David went to the Kyokushin (Karate) meet that was up at Sunday River last Saturday and had a great time. David even won the door prize he had wanted. It was nice that they could get out for a while for some fun.

Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.

Waterford

by Rockie Graham

The weather continues to warm up slowly, with cool mornings and sunny, warmer afternoons. The flowers are budding and in some places they are actually blooming. Checking carefully, the mayflowers have leaves, the daffys have greens, and the lilacs have many buds. The new lilac bushes live, but no blooms are apparent. The kids have been hard at work all but running them into the ground. Yet they live on.

It is vacation week, and so far the kids have had a great week. That may change, but still it is fairly warm and I have heard no complaints.

This week I wish Happy Birthday to David Hart Jr., David Sr.'s son. May he have a great birthday!

This week, friends were visiting and David urged me to move the items still on the

floor in the study. Then he would remove the rest of the carpet still clinging. Ten minutes of that and I lost my voice again. David got to work today and removed the rest. Now I probably have to bite the bullet and get shots for the year. Yuck!

This Friday is open mic night at the First Universalist church in Norway. Sign up is at 6:30. Admission is \$3 FMI call Heather Pierson at 935-4505.

On Sunday, the 26th, at 2 p.m., we have a choice. At the First Universalist Church there is an Earth Day Peace Concert. It costs \$5 donation with the money going to the Church Belfry Repair project. FMI call 743-6828.

At the Christ Episcopal Church at 35 Paris Street in Norway, REACH will hold their annual speak out. "Speak out, Sowing the Seed, of Healing from Sexual Assault." Beginning at 2 p.m., refreshments will be served and all are welcome. FMI 743-9777.

Next Thursday, the 30th of April, Mountain Poets will hold their annual Too Cold for the Porch Poetry Reading. All are welcome. It begins at 7 p.m. at the Norway Library. FMI call Rockie at 743-0583.

On Monday, May 4, at the Waterford Library, Socrates Cafe will meet at 6:30 p.m. The theme for this month's discussion will be "What are Civil Rights?" Moderator will be Earl Morse. FMI call 583-6957.

That is all for this week. We are off to a Drive Training for Seniors and I to a balance training. Will write about it next week; that is if I don't break the computer before then.

It is not working well, again!

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From
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"Healthy Eating on a Budget" healthy eating evenings continue with the last evening scheduled at S.S. Milton on Thursday, April 30, beginning at 6 p.m. Sue Milton informs us they will now take reservations up to 46 persons and seats are still available. Their menu includes: House Salad, Minestrone Soup, Orange Chicken, Veronique, Parslied New Potatoes and Raspberry Sorbet. You'll go home with the menus and healthy eating tips, ideas you can use. If you haven't yet taken advantage of these tasty healthy eating evenings and want a treat, give Sue a call at 824-2589. (Leave a message if she's not there.)

Last week's healthy evening took place at The Victoria with 50 diners enjoying a "Turkish Dinner." As one diner said, "It was a special treat to try Turkish food and the yogurt base for many of the dishes." Kamil Sahin told the diners not to skip on the best ingredients when cooking; just be careful about the portions you serve. Everyone went home with copies of recipes and ideas for different foods to try.

If you missed any of the evenings and are interested in getting copies of the recipes, watch for our "Healthy Eating on a Budget Recipe Books," which we'll be preparing with the help of the Community Education Department of S.A.D44 at the completion of the series.

Healthy Eating on a Budget is presented as a community service by the To Your Health Committee of Western Mountains Senior Col-

lege with the collaboration of Bethel Family Health Center, S.A.D44/Community Education and Wayne DuPlessis, counselor. For more information, contact Rosabelle Tiff at 824-2053.

From
**Oxford County
Democrats**

A Field Trip to the Statehouse was organized by the Oxford County Democrats for Tuesday, May 5, for those who would like to see government in action and to participate in a number of special events featuring Oxford County.

"Many school groups enjoy visiting the Statehouse during the legislative session," County Chair Cathy Newell stated. "Why should they have all the fun? We are providing the opportunity to visit sessions in both House and Senate, to take tours with experienced Statehouse hands, see our legislators in action, and have some special briefings."

Those participating will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the lobby beside the Visitors Center before proceeding to the House and Senate for sessions. Rev. Anne Stanley of Paris is offering the prayer in the House Chamber, and a musical group from Buckfield is playing that day. Other activities will include a visit to the Hall of Flags where Dennis Whitley of Norway and the Heart Association will be holding a press conference and an exhibit. The group will meet with individual legislative leaders, and will meet area legislators for lunch in the cafeteria. Depending on the special interests of participants, there will be afternoon visits to committee hearings or special briefings by state government officials. There is an option to visit the State Museum for a nominal charge.

Oxford County Democrats welcome those who have an interest in government to join in. RSVP to Cathy Newell at 875-2116. There will be an attempt to organize carpools, and directions to the Statehouse will be provided.

From
Gould Academy

Acclaimed Georgian-Russian pianist and teacher Dr. Tamara Poddubnaya will give a Steinway Series recital on Thursday, April 30 at Gould Academy. The program, which will include excerpts from well-known piano concertos, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Trustees Auditorium in the McLaughlin Science Center. The recital is free with seating limited to 65.

A distinguished graduate of St. Petersburg's Rimsky-Korsakov Conservatory, Dr. Poddubnaya soon established herself as one of Russia's foremost keyboard artists and piano teachers. Renowned for her masterful command of a vast repertoire, she has performed to great acclaim in Europe and the United States. She frequently serves on juries at international piano competitions and keeps a busy schedule of teaching and performing in Russia, the Netherlands, and the United States, where she is Professor of Piano at the Long Island Conservatory and visiting professor at the Portland Conservatory of Music. For the last two years, Dr. Poddubnaya has directed Music Without Borders, an international piano festival held during the summer at Gould Academy.

Joining Dr. Poddubnaya are two of her most successful students, Evgeny Genchev and Dimitar "Mitko" Dimitrov both from Bulgaria.

Genchev began studying with Poddubnaya when he

2009 Telstar High School Baseball

Name	Grade	Position
Lance Brown	12	left field
Ben Cross	12	catcher
James Kimball	12	pitcher, center field
Bryce Walker	12	second base
Mike Fitzmorris	11	right field, pitcher
Ben Field	10	pitcher, right field
TJ O'Connor	10	outfield, catcher
Justin Smith	10	outfield
Tyler Brown	9	third base, pitcher
Corey Howard	9	first base
Kyle Peterson	9	outfield, pitcher
Casey Thornton	9	second base
Devin Vail	9	second base, pitcher
Dan Whitney	9	shortstop, pitcher
Drew Wilson	9	outfield

We have a lot of freshmen. Captains are Ben Cross, who will do the bulk of the catching, and James Kimball, who is our top pitcher and will play centerfield. This is clearly a young team. The starting infield could be all freshmen. We like what we've seen so far in preseason games. We think that we will improve over last year's six-win season and will be a surprise to many of our opponents. — Co-coach Bob Remington

2009 Telstar High School Softball

Name	Grade	Position
Candace Hall	12	pitcher, first base
Whitney Mills	12	third base
T.J. Cowin	11	shortstop, outfield
Sam Largess	11	catcher
Lindsay James	11	second base
Kayla Merrill	10	pitcher, first base
Hannah Morin	10	center field
Nicena Walker	10	outfield, 1/3 base, pitcher
Sarah Averill	10	outfield, JV pitcher
Tasha Farnum	9	outfield, JV pitcher

The team, finalists in Western Maine Class C playoffs last year, lost five starting players to graduation. Pitching should make the Rebels competitive in the MVC this season. How well the defense shores up and the offense develops will determine how the Rebels do in the playoffs. Expectations are high again. — Coach Jim Lunney

was 14. He completed his secondary school education at the Special School for Music and Dance Arts in his hometown of Plovdiv and recently completed his first year of study at the Royal Academy of Music in London. In addition to winning several European piano competitions last

year, Genchev was a soloist in Rachmaninov's Third Piano Concerto with the Plovdiv Philharmonic, one of Europe's oldest symphony orchestras. Dimitrov studies with Dr. Poddubnaya at the Prins Claus Conservatorium in Groningen, the Netherlands. In 2007 he received both the youth and

senior competition prizes at Amsterdam's 2007 Grachten Festival. He has given solo recitals in Bulgaria, France, and the Netherlands, and this season, went on tour as soloist with the North Netherlands Philharmonic, playing Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1.

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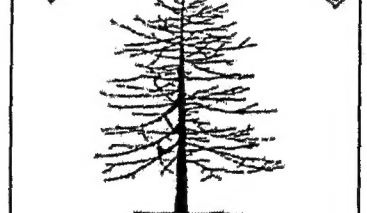
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The following pupils have been named to the Telstar High/Middle School Honor Roll for the third quarter of school year 2008-2009.

GRADE 12

High Honors: Brianna Douglass, Elizabeth Meisner.

Honors: Timothy Aguilan, Jennifer Aldrich, Brian Annis, Lance Brown, William Chapman, Benjamin Cross, Frank Del Duca, Kathryn Driscoll, Marian Hotopp, Graden Hutchinson, Katrina Jackson, Katlyn Keane, Katherine MacGregor, Whitney Mills, Heather Parker, Lisa Piccirillo, Kendrick Rose, Audienna Woods.

GRADE 11

Honors: Tyler Aldrich, Megan Bonney, Amber Davis, Molly Keane, Amy Jane Mahar, Kara Zadakis.

GRADE 10

High Honors: Elek Pew.

Honors: Joshua Bellinger, Emily DeCarolis, Victoria Forkus, Morgan Lee, Timothy O'Connor, Michelle Roberts, Eric Roy, Ashley Sabins, Simon Smith, Jamie Steven, Grace Stover, Katherine Stover, Katelyn Sumner, Melissa Waterhouse.

GRADE NINE

High Honors: Adam Mahar.

Honors: Emily Bellinger, Britany Douglass, Naomi Ellsworth, Timothy Jewell, Matthew Keane, Lyndsay Merrill, Hunter Verrill, Jacob Wakefield, Karen White, Daniel Whitney.

TELSTAR MIDDLE SCH.

The following pupils have been named to the Telstar High/Middle School Honor Roll for the third quarter of school year 2008-2009.

GRADE EIGHT

High Honors: Colton Davis, Kurt Mason, Avery Rossow.

Honors: Gabrielle Conrad, Tabitha Corriveau, Aiden Ford, Uel Gardner, Hannah Huston, Kailey Kennagh, William Lyman, David Mason, Austin McAlister, Jennalee Putnam, Cheyenne Robinson, Briana Santos.

GRADE SEVEN

High Honors: Alyssa Brands, Kathryn Coolidge, Samantha Corriveau, Skye Dole, Kiersten Drapeau, Samantha Mallory.

Honors: Hali Barter, MacKenzie Blake, Rachael Boyd, Molly Bruce, Jordan Caldwell, Maisey Griffin, Cathryn Haberman-Fake, Josef Holt, Caili Inman, Christopher LeCault, Eric Lowell, Alexander Manning, Gabrielle Monzo, Savannah Patenaude, Austin Ryerson, Anna Saucier, Anneliese Smith, Justin Stearns, Jennifer Wakefield, Taran Wilson.

GRADE SIX

High Honors: Aiden Clarke, Anne Chushman, Sadie Ellsworth, Liam Gallagher, Rachael Goldberg, Rose Goldberg, Tyra Howes, Nicholas Johnson, Alexandra Leff, Lakota Monzo, Michael Rodway, Maxwell Southam, Aaron Speakman, Gabrielle Stone, Anna Tyrina, Ryan Vail.

Honors: Matthew Barton, Devon Berry, Christopher Chappie, Savannah Clough, Grace Connors, Alison Corey, Courtney Courier, Skye Fournier, Maureen Glover, Crystelle Head, Jessica Kelly, Jordan Kulig, Katherine Merrill, Rebecca Miller, Skye Lynn Patten, Savannah Pelletier, Andriadora Pilgrim-Guay, Joseph Putnam, Shannah Cherokee Seames, Rebecca-Lynn Tuttle, Taran Vitale, Gregory Wheeler, Travis Wheeler, Zachary Wheeler.

Obituaries

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O. HARVEY SWEETSER

Oscar Harvey Sweetser, 83, of Bethel, died in Norway on April 20, 2009.

He was born in Newry on Sept. 13, 1925, the son of David and Christy (Phillips) Sweetser and was educated in local schools. On July 20, 1946, he married Barbara Morgan and they had two sons, Tom of Bethel and Wendall of Bryant Pond.

Harvey loved people and

was an avid gardener. He had been an antique dealer for many years, running Harvey's Antiques in Bryant Pond for 17 years and in Bethel for 20 years. He also owned and operated Harvey's Restaurant in Bethel and Harvey's Drive-In in West Bethel. In his younger years he caned chairs.

He was a veteran of the Army and was a member of the VFW Post of Bethel. Besides his wife of 62 years and his two sons, he is survived by nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Per Harvey's request, there will be no services at this time. Memorials in Harvey's name are suggested to either the American Cancer Society, 1 Main Street, Suite 300, Topsham, ME 04086 or to the Alzheimer's Association, Maine Chapter, 170 Route 1, Suite 250, Falmouth, ME 04105.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com.

Club and organization news

The Citizen welcomes submissions of news items and photographs from local clubs and organizations.

The deadline for clubs and organizational items is noon Monday, but earlier submission is appreciated.

All news articles should be typed or printed legibly, and include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person.

Photos: When submitting photographs, please identify the nature and date of the activity, the names of everyone shown in the photograph, and the name of the photographer. Please also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person.

Submissions can be dropped off at The Citizen office (behind the Bethel Town Office) or mailed to P.O. Box 109, Bethel, ME, 04217. During non-business hours, items can be placed in the mailbox outside our office. For further information, call 824-2444.

News and photos can also be submitted by e-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

School Lunch—Week of April 27

Telstar Lunches

Monday: Chicken nuggets w/dipping sauce, rice pilaf, italian bread, broccoli w/cheese sauce, pizza choices, hot dog/roll, cheeseburger/bun.

Tuesday: Make your own sandwich bar w/buffalo chicken, pizza sticks, pizza choices, chicken patty/bun, cheeseburger/bun.

Wednesday: Make your own pasta bar w/meat sauce, breadstick, pizza choices, turkey burger/bun, chicken patty/bun, cheeseburger/bun.

Thursday: Make your own sandwich bar w/buffalo chicken, roasted turkey, rice, gravy, homemade sugar cookie, cheeseburger/bun.

Four fruit and vegetables choices daily. Veggie burgers available daily.

SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: Chicken nuggets w/dipping sauce, rice pilaf, italian bread, broccoli w/cheese sauce, Smucker's uncrustable pb&j.

Tuesday: Tacos w/ground beef and cheese, seasoned corn, blueberries and yogurt, Smucker's uncrustable.

Wednesday: Rotini w/meat sauce, breadstick, Smucker's uncrustable.

Thursday: Pizza sticks w/dipping sauce, homemade sugar cookie, Smucker's uncrustable.

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"All 3 babies were in Isolettes, tube fed, treated for jaundice and hooked up with every type of monitoring system you can imagine. All very overwhelming and scary to a first time mom. The sound that the Isolette's alarm made if a baby was in distress still haunts me." Lydia Mills

Lydia Mills & The Triplet Boys

at 1 1/2 months old



The Vandenbulcke boys were born at Maine Medical Center, prematurely at 32 weeks.
1st born: Bjorn Richard ~ 3 lbs. 12 oz.
2nd born: Mikah Robert ~ 3 lbs. 8 oz.
3rd born: Kaiden Raymond ~ 2 lbs. 12 oz.



On the Move at 9 Months...

"It seems like yesterday and an age ago at the same time. The boys are all strong, healthy little gentlemen. Each has his own personality beginning to shine through. Sometimes I wonder 'Why Me' and in the same moment I feel truly blessed. Thank God they are so happy and healthy!" Lydia Mills

Proud Parents:

Lydia Mills & Andre Vandenbulcke

Paternal Grandparents:

Darlene & Jen Ginsberg ~ Rumford Point, ME
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Maternal Grandparents:

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Events Calendar

9:15 a.m. (Fridays) - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

6:30 p.m. Mondays - Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway. New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. - **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices in the Commons of the Fare Share Market at 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjists invited to join. Public welcome to come and listen. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, meets at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p.quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. - **Cancer Wellness Support Group** support and education for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers at Rumford Hospital, Room 357 (2nd floor). Call (877) 336-7287 (toll free) to confirm during stormy weather.

Wall Hanging Quilt Raffle with all proceeds for Tyler Clough, a 9-year-old boy who has cancer. Tickets are \$3 for five or \$1 for one. To purchase tickets, call Jen Cross (cell 462-7040). Drawing will be May 29, 2009.

Thursday, April 23

5 to 6 p.m. - **Pleasant Valley Grange**, West Bethel, will present its Community Service Award to Nina Wheeler followed by a potluck supper and open Grange meeting.

6 p.m. - **Healthy Eating on a Budget** at The Sudbury Inn, Main Street, Bethel, sponsored by To Your Health Committee of Western Mountains Senior College, Bethel Family Health Center, SAD44/Community Education and Wayne DuPlessis, counselor. Cost: \$10. FMI: call R. Tift (824-2053) or J. Whitman (624-0347).

Friday, April 24

Board of Management of the First Universalist Church of West Paris is inviting all present and past members and friends to a potluck supper to be held at the church. This will be followed by a discussion of ideas and feelings about the present and future of our church, which has been a part of the community for over 100 years. Along with your thoughts, please bring a dish to add to the supper. FMI: call Marta Clements at 674-2143.

6 p.m. - **Alder River Grange** potluck supper/meeting at the Grange Hall, East Bethel.

7 p.m. - **Norway Open Mic Night** at First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street. Sign-up for performers 6:30. Admission: \$3. FMI: call Heather Pierson at 935-4505 or e-mail vesselrecording@yahoo.com.

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held.

Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.

Saturday, April 25

8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Indoor Flea Market and Bake Sale** at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Hall, Fryeburg, just north of junction of Routes 5N and 302E. Vendors may contact Loretta Chauvin (se. Jo. ch@yahoo.com) to rent table (\$10).

9 a.m. - **Bottle Drive** by Rumford Point Community Athletic Association. Please take returnable bottles to ball field on Martin Road, Rumford. Fundraiser for children's summer baseball program.

9 to 12 a.m. - **"Weed and Feed"** at McLaughlin Garden, Main Street, South Paris. Help get the garden back to life at this free volunteer event and then enjoy a healthy lunch. Pre-registration required. Bring gloves. Free parking at Garden Gate, Western Avenue. FMI: 743-8820, www.mclaughlingarden.org

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Yard Sale** by Rumford Grange 115 at Rumford Center Grange Hall. Donations of sale items needed; if you have items to donate call Vicki at 364-2129.

5 and 6 p.m. - **Annual Birthday Supper** at First Congregational Church, Andover (2 sittings). Cost: \$7 for adults and \$3 for children.

5 to 8 p.m. - **Public Supper** to benefit cancer patient Kim Shannon of Bethel will be held at the Legion Hall, Locke Mills. Cost: \$7. Music and prizes.

7 p.m. - **Chosen Generation** performance with the NCA Dance Team at Telstar High School Auditorium. This is a Christian Rap/R&B group in the southwestern Massachusetts area.

Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26

Wilderness First Aid course accredited with SOLO, CPR also available. Cost: \$214, \$205 for registered Maine guides, \$180 commuter. FMI: Polly or Kevin at 824-2073 or info@mahosuc.com. Location: Mahosuc Mountain Lodge (www.mahosucmountainlodge.com).

Sunday, April 26

2 p.m. - **Rape Education and Crisis Hotline (REACH)** annual speak out event: "Reaching Out-Speaking Out, Sowing the Seeds of Healing from Sexual Assault" at Christ Episcopal Church, 35 Paris Street, Norway. Call 743-9777, e-mail director@reachmaine.org or visit www.reachmaine.org. If interested in participating as a presenter. Refreshments served following program.

2 p.m. - **Earth Day Peace Concert** at First Universalist Church of Norway, 179 Main Street. Donation: \$5 at door. Live performances by Vessel Recordings artist Heather Pierson, singer-songwriter Mary Uke Hargreaves and by First Universalist Church choir. FMI: call 743-2828 or e-mail Heather at vesselrecordings@yahoo.com. To benefit Church's Belfry Repair Project.

Monday, April 27

6:30 p.m. - **Waterford Library Bridge Group** meeting. FMI: call 583-2729.

Tuesday, April 28

2 p.m. - **Bethel Stamp Club** meeting at Bethel Historical Society's Robinson House, Broad Street.

7 p.m. - **Bethel Water District** annual meeting at Bethel Town Office.

Wednesday, April 29

1 to 7 p.m. - **Blood Drive** at Maine Veterans' Home, 477 high Street, South Paris. Walk-ins welcome. Anyone donating blood during this drive eligible to win two tickets to Red Sox baseball game. FMI or to schedule appointment: 743-6300.

7 p.m. - **Grand Derangement! Acadian band and step dancers**, at St. Kieran Community Arts Center, 255 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. FMI: call (603) 752-1028 or e-mail info@stkieranarts.org or visit www.stkieranarts.org.

Wednesday, April 29 and May 6

7 to 8:30 p.m. - **Ball Room Dance Class** (waltz, foxtrot, jitterbug, tango, rumba, two step) taught by Nancy Willard at Telstar High School (use Adult Ed. entrance). Cost: \$25. All proceeds to food pantry, Bethel District Exchange.

Thursday, April 30

6 p.m. - **Healthy Eating on a Budget** at S.S. Milton Restaurant, Main Street, Bethel, sponsored by To Your Health Committee of Western Mountains Senior College, Bethel Family Health Center, SAD44/Community Education and Wayne DuPlessis, counselor. Cost: \$10. FMI: call R. Tift (824-2053) or J. Whitman (624-0347).

7 p.m. - **Grand Derangement, Arcadian Band and step dancers**, at Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy. Admission \$10 adults, \$6 students/seniors. FMI: www.grandderangement.com.

7 p.m. - **Mountain Poets** meeting at Norway Public Library. 7:30 p.m. - **Dr. Tamara Poddubnaya**, Georgian-Russian pianist will present Steinway Series recital at Gould Academy's Trustees Auditorium (limited to 65 seats), in the McLaughlin Science Center. Free.

Friday, May 1

6:30 p.m. - **Hunts Corner Cemetery Association** annual meeting at the home of Frank and Betty Gingras. FMI: call 824-3408.

May 1 thru 10

Mother's Day Madness in Bethel, a Buy Local Promotion in participating shops and restaurants in Bethel. On Saturday, May 9, sidewalk sales and events throughout the area. Watch for more information.

Saturday, May 2

Camp Clean-up Day at University of Maine 4-H camp and Learning Center, Bryant Pond. Volunteers needed to assist with setting up tents, raking, clearing brush, light construction and sprucing up garden beds. Lunch provided. FMI: 665-2068.

9 to 12 a.m. - **"Weed and Feed"** at McLaughlin Garden, Main Street, South Paris. Work in the garden at this free volunteer event and then enjoy a healthy lunch. Pre-registration required. Bring gloves. Free parking at Garden Gate, Western Avenue. FMI: 743-8820, www.mclaughlingarden.org.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **At Maine Wildlife Park**, Route 26, Gray: Bridges Foundation "Walk on the Wild Side." The foundation fosters skill development for disabled. Cost: donations of \$25 or more include free Walk t-shirt (refreshments for Walk supporters). Balloon animals, face painting, local music and scavenger hunt with prizes. FMI and for pre-registration forms: call 894-5288 or visit www.thebridgefoundation.org.

Spring Fling Old Fashioned Barn Dance with Buttermilk Hill Band. Potluck dinner (bring a dish to share) 5 p.m., concert 7 p.m. and dance at 8 p.m. Beginners welcome, dances are taught. Cost: \$10 per person, children under 16 one-half price. FMI: Polly or Kevin at 824-2073. Location: Mahosuc Mountain Lodge (www.mahosucmountainlodge.com).

7 p.m. - **Mock Hee Haw Show** at Franklin Grange, Bryant Pond. An evening of fun and good music.

7:30 p.m. - **At Oddfellow Theater**, Buckfield: **The Odd Improv Show**. Tickets: \$15 all seats, available at box office (336-3306). FMI: visit www.Oddfellow.com.

Sunday, May 3

10 a.m. - **March of Dimes March for Babies**. Local teams being formed according to business affiliations, families, social groups. Register your team online at marchforbabies.org, call (800) 668-5678 or contact Claire Carver (357-3844), Marjorie Osgood (824-2131) or Ellie Andrews (824-3589). Registration begins 9:30 a.m. at Bethel Area Health Center.

Sunday, May 4

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Socrates Café** meets at Waterford Library. Theme for discussion: "What Are Civil Rights?" moderated by Earl Morse. FMI: call 583-6957 or e-mail wla@Waterford.lib.me.us.

Friday, May 8

6 p.m. - **Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner** at the Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River, sponsored by W.J. Wheeler & Co., Inc., Oxford Networks and Sunday River Ski Resort. Cost: \$38 per person for complete buffet dinner or \$325 for a business sponsoring table for eight (with added marketing and PR benefits). For reservations: call Chamber office at 824-2282 no later than Monday, May 4. Dinner at 7 p.m.

Support Services

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting. Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting. Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street; and Saturdays at 4pm at Sunday River South Ridge Base Lodge, third-floor human resources conference room.

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 656-9885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center offers assistance to individuals or families with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2666, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM SUPPORT GROUP

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5-6:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.bluemoonmidwives.com

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES (STATE/VA BENEFITS)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday. Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 930a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corviveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All are welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagslaft. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.; Sunday prayer meeting 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, S. Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church- Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kids Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2283.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickman. 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-0550.

Our Lady of the Snows - Saturday mass at 6 p.m. Rev. Angelo Leveseur. 364-4556.

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Prayer meeting Tuesday 6pm; Awana clubs follow school-year calendar. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion service the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at 38 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 824-2913.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8639.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practices 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service

10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

HARRISON

Bolster's Mills United Methodist Church - Bolster's Mills Road, Harrison. Rev. Walter R. Brown, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8:45 a.m. Church school 10:15 a.m. for kids kindergarten - grade 12. Call 583-9024 or 938-7040 for more info.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - 265 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beeckel. 364-5891.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry - with Rev. Don Coverdale and gospel singer Cynthia Clark. On-mountain interdenominational worship service held every Sunday during ski season. ALERT: we are now located in the Juniper Room, Jordan Grand Hotel. New time: 10:00am-11:00am. Ski-in, or take the resort shuttle from South Ridge to Jordan. For more information: 824-5689 (recording).

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd./Rt. 118 (corner to Norway County Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singers perform third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Riple Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more information.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's: Saturday 6 p.m.

Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass. Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

RUMFORD CENTER

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. Adult and teen Sunday school 8am. Sunday worship service at 10am. Sunday prayer meeting at 6pm. Wednesday night bible study and youth group 7pm. 170 Andover Road. FMI call 364-3858 or see our website at www.praiselsssemblyofgod.net.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

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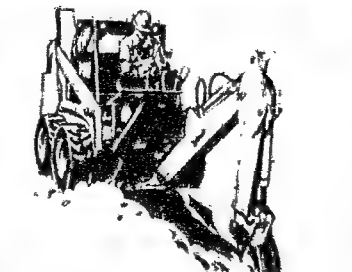
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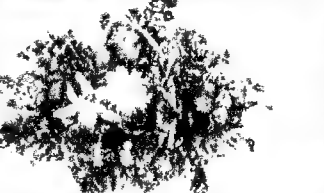
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- The Woodstock Ballfields, mowing all three playing fields by the Grandstand, once a week if needed to provide for good playing conditions.
This is to include mowing the embankment by Route 26 2 to 3 times per season.
- The Playground Area, across from the Beach on Lakeside Drive
- The Boat Landing Area at the foot of Lake Christopher.
- The Recreation Building on Railroad Street.
(From the brook to the old railroad crossing)

Maintenance to include spring clean-up, mowing all grass area at least once per week during the ball playing season and keeping the ball-field infield areas free of weeds.

These may be bid as a package or by each item listed. Bids are due and will be opened on May 5, 2009 at 5:00 at the Selectmen's Meeting.

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NEW CUSTOM BUILT HOME
Gorgeous custom built home with open concept, cathedral ceiling, and custom cabinets. Properly located on a stream and Route 232. Near Mt. Abram and several area ponds and lakes. Storage building and plenty of parking space. \$159,000

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Subdivisions

THE COLONY - NEWRY
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\$185,000 - \$209,000

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\$39,000 - \$79,500

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\$34,000 - \$84,000

MEADOW VIEW ESTATES - NEWRY
\$49,000 - \$79,000

ELLINGWOOD MTN, NORTH ROAD - BETHEL
\$72,000 - \$80,000

HANOVER PINES - HANOVER
\$29,000 - \$39,000

MAHOOSUC GLEN SUNDAY RIVER GOLF
\$170,000 - \$215,000

POWDER RIDGE - NEWRY
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Land / Building Lots

Bethel-Song Pond Road 5.75 acres.....\$850,000
Rt. 210 2 acres wide open rights for condos.....\$350,000
Bethel-Intervale Road 26 acres.....\$200,000
Newry: 15.8 acres, Sunny Hills.....\$185,000
Newry: Lake & Mtn Views, 14 acres.....\$139,000
Mountain Valley Side, 1.47 acres.....\$129,000
Webb River Waterfront Lot, 8.3 acres.....\$129,000
Newry: Bear River Rd. views, 32 acres.....\$129,000
Douglass Road, Resort Views, 1.35 acres.....\$127,000
Newry: Red House Village, 25 acres.....\$110,000
Albany: 42.95 acres.....\$100,000
Newry: Fantastic Views, 6 acres.....\$89,000
Will View Subdivision, 1.8 acres.....\$84,800
Bethel: Paradise, in town lot, 20 acres.....\$80,000
Taylor Woods Waterfront Lot 1.7 acres.....\$79,500
Newry: Mtn. View Road, 7.9 acres.....\$62,500
Near North Pond, 33 acre lot.....\$59,000
Bird Hill Road Lot 2.84 acres.....\$57,000
Bird Hill Road Land: 3 Large Parcels.....\$48,000
Woodstock-Black Brook Road, 6.6 acres.....\$45,000
Woodstock Rt. 26, wooded/private, 10 acres.....\$44,500
Milton/Poland Rd., wooded/private, 10 acres.....\$44,500
Albany: 3 acres, close to Bethel.....\$40,000
Woodstock: Great Mtn Views, 7.5 acres.....\$32,000
Bethel: Nevel Road Lots, 1 acre & .83 acre.....\$30,000
Woodstock: Rocky Road, .96 acre lot.....\$30,000
West Paris: Hidden Acres, 2 acre lot.....\$24,900

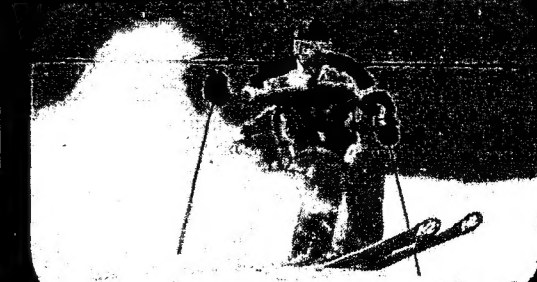
Condominiums

LOCKE MOUNTAIN Q4 4bed/2bath, slope/side.....\$620,000
LOCKE MOUNTAIN M4 4bed/2bath, slope/side.....\$599,000
LOCKE MOUNTAIN L2 3bed/2bath, slope/side.....\$530,000
MOUNTAIN VISTA 3bed/2.5 bath, riverfrontage.....\$524,000
SOUTH RIDGE Q2 3bed/2 bath, slope/side.....\$520,000
PINE HAVEN DUPLEX UNIT A1 3 bed/2.5 bath.....\$489,900
NORTH PEAK II R102 3bed/2bath, slope/side.....\$310,000
RIVERBEND 2bed/2bath, post & beam construction, furnished.....\$175,000+
EDEN RIDGE 4C 2bed/2 bath.....\$167,500
LAKA CHRISTOPHER 2bed/2 bath, waterfront.....\$161,000

MERRILL BROOK 3C 3bed/1bath, slope/side.....PENDING
SUNRISE C105 1bed/1bath, slope/side.....\$129,000
CHAMBERLAIN B10 2bed/1bath, and unit.....\$115,000
FALL LINE N216 1bed/1bath, slope/side.....\$115,000
FALL LINE N107 1bed/1bath, slope/side.....\$105,000
21 PARK STREET CONDO 1-3 bed/1-2 bath.....\$99,000+
RIVERBEND 1bed/1bath, furnished.....\$99,000
OPERAHOUSE 2bed/1bath, furnished, located in the village, free shuttle access.....\$84,000+
CAMERON HOUSE 1-3bed/1-2bath units.....\$78,000+
GRAND SUMMIT QUARTERSHARE 1bed/1bath.....\$19,900

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HOMES

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95 Will View Road, Bethel: Custom built log-sided mountain chalet located 5 minutes from Sunday River. 5 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, open living area with wood-burning fieldstone fireplace, hardwood floors and cathedral ceiling. Privately situated on 8.53 acres with mountain views and access to snowmobile trails. \$399,000

NEW LISTING
309 Cushman Road, Woodstock: This privately located 3-BR chalet is situated on a 10-acre lot overlooking the western Maine mountains. The home has many amenities including a master bedroom suite, large deck, garage and stable, and walkout basement. There is an in-ground pool that has been professionally landscaped. \$379,000

SIMILAR TO BE BUILT
Hide-a-Way Lane, Lot 1, Bethel: This 3-BR/2-bath home is being built by an established local builder. The Chalet style "to be built" has an open concept with large living room, gas fireplace, cathedral ceiling. This is a great opportunity to make decisions on all finishing touches of your new primary or vacation home! \$241,900

Sunday River Rd, Bethel: Unit 53 Riverbend Condominiums - Beautiful 1-bedroom, custom-finished end unit with post & beam ceilings, wood floors, granite counters, washer/dryer in unit, covered porch and more. \$165,000

135 Vernon Street, Unit 2C, Bethel: Located less than a mile from Main Street, Eden Ridge Townhouses offer gorgeous mountain views and a convenient village location. This 2-BR/2-bath unit has fresh paint, carpet throughout and is tastefully furnished. 1-car garage with entry to the living space, laundry area and storage. \$159,000

LAND

NEW LISTING Mahoosuc Glen, Lot 8: 1+ acre lot along the 18th fairway. Convenient location off the main road, yet close to clubhouse, driving & putting ranges. Sunday River & Mahoosuc Range views. \$185,000

Swan Hill, Lot 3, Bethel: On a quiet country road, only 3 miles from Bethel's lively downtown. An easy drive to ski at Sunday River or connect to the local snowmobile trails. \$82,000

Howe Hill Road, Lot 3, Greenwood: 1.57-acre building lot on your way to Mt. Abram Ski Area. This level and open lot has power at the street and an expansive view of the ski area. \$45,000

23 Powder Ridge Road, Newry: Privately situated, 3.37 acre lot. Your dream home would be nestled in the woods away from the road affording you privacy and Sunday River views. \$199,000

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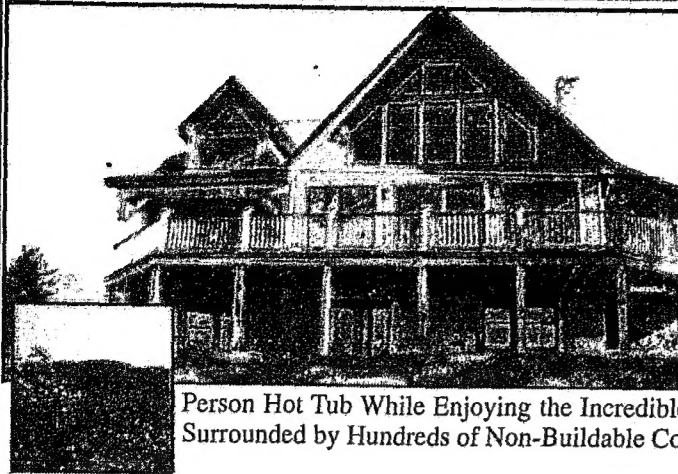
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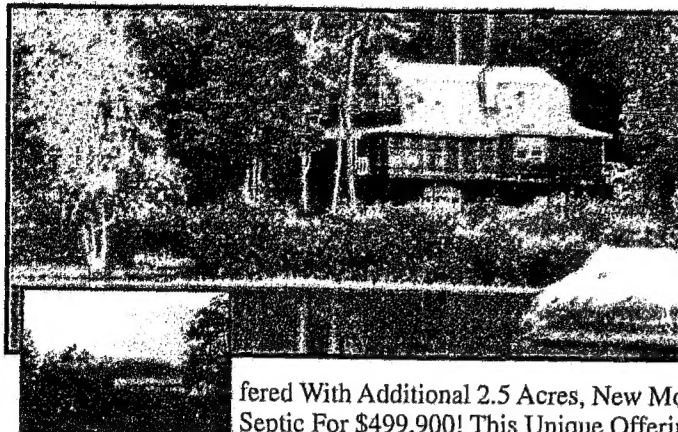
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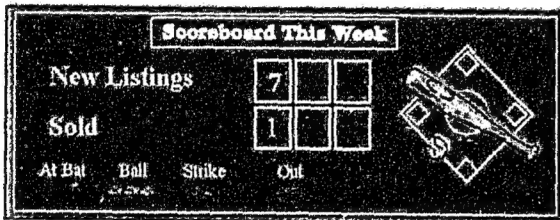
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Obituaries

ELDEN C. BENNETT

Elden Clayton Bennett, 80, of Newry, died March 30, 2009 in Norway.

He was born in Newry on Nov. 6, 1928, the son of Roy and Janet (Enman) Bennett and was educated in local schools. He joined the U.S. Navy in February 1950 serving during the Korean War being discharged on Dec. 10, 1953. He married the former Sharon Gallant on Dec. 13, 1953 and they had two children, Gordon Bennett of Athens, N.Y., and Kitty Letts of Milton, N.H.

Elden had worked as a civil engineer most of his working career with the U.S. Air Force at Plattsburg, N.Y., retiring in 1988. Elden was very proud of his Navy days and his service to America was very important to him.

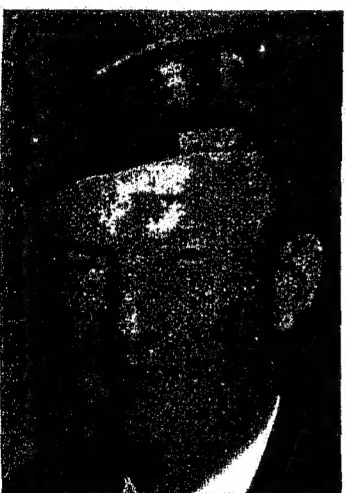
He was an avid hunter in his younger days, hunting white tail deer and grouse. In his later years he preferred to live peacefully with wild life and was an accomplished bird watcher. Elden was known within his community as a genuinely gentle man.

Besides his children, he is survived by one brother, Donald Bennett of Bethel; one sister, Amy Jones of Berlin, N.H., and three grandchildren, Jason Letts, Amanda Letts and John Letts.

Graveside services will be held at the Head of Tides Cemetery in Newry on May 16 at 3 p.m.

Memorials in Elden's memory are suggested to the Bethel Historical Society, P.O. Box 12, Bethel, Me 04217-0012.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com.



ROSCE G. TRUITT

Roscoe G. "Rockie" Truitt, age 84, of Crescent Avenue in Rumford, longtime resident of Springfield, Mass., and

Kissimmee, Fla., died unexpectedly Thursday, April 16, 2009 at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston.

He was born in Rumford, Maine on Jan. 20, 1925 a son of James A. and Katharine (Glines) Truitt. He was raised on the Glines family farm in North Rumford. Roscoe graduated from Stephens High School Class of 1943.

He entered the US Army at the age of 18 in October of 1943, and fought with Company M 358th Infantry Division at Normandy through Northern France, Rhineland, and Ardennes, and the Battle of the Bulge as a sharpshooter.

Roscoe received numerous awards including four Battle Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, and a Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged as a Staff Sgt. in January of 1946.

Following his discharge, Roscoe served in the National Guard Reserves in Massachusetts, where he was a Lifetime Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion, holding several offices, including the rank of Commander.

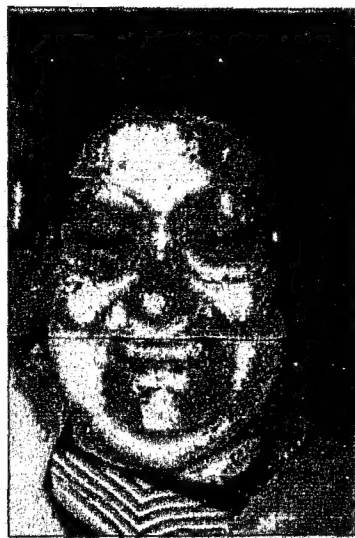
He was employed for many years as an oil burner technician in Springfield, Mass.

Roscoe returned to Rumford from Springfield in May of 2008. He enjoyed his summer vacations at the Adams Camp at Howard Pond.

Surviving are two brothers; Roger Adams and wife Nancy of West Simsbury, Conn., and Herbert Adams and wife Dorothy of Hanover, Maine; a daughter, Terri DeFilipp and husband Joseph of Auburn, Maine; stepchildren, Karen Conti of Amesbury, Mass.; Michael Conti of Springfield, Mass.; grandchildren, Jennifer Flynn and husband Brian of Boxford, Mass., and Andrew and Stephanie DeFilipp of Auburn, Maine; great-grandchildren, Taylor and Emma Flynn of Boxford, Mass.; several nieces and nephews, and cousins, and a longtime friend, Virginia Justard of Rumford, Maine. He was predeceased by his mother, Katharine G. Adams, his wife June (Donnelly) Truitt, and a sister Marilyn D'Lizzarraga.

There will be no visiting hours. A Memorial Service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the Rumford Point Congregational Church. Interment will be in East Ellis Cemetery, Rumford. In lieu of flowers donations in his mem-

ory may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-0301.



CLARICE ALLEN GIBSON
Clarice Allen Gibson, age 80, died on April 19, 2009 at Ledgeview Living Center West Paris, Maine.

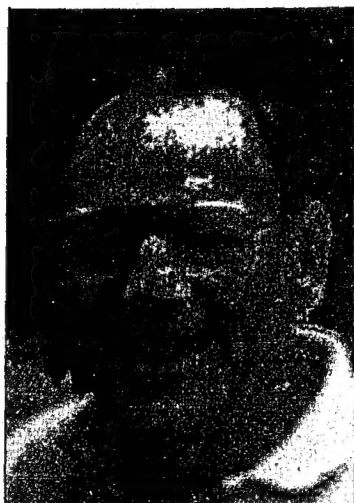
She was born in North Waterford, July 10, 1928 to George and Marila (Hersey) Allen. She graduated from Bridgton Academy in Bridgton, Maine and Macintosh Business School in Lawrence, Mass. She married Frank Albert Gibson Jr. on Aug. 26, 1950 in Kansas City, Mo. They had five children.

She was a homemaker for most of her life and enjoyed her family immensely. She enjoyed going on picnics, her gardens, canning, reading her Bible and mystery stories, sewing and needlepoint. She is a past president of the West Paris Agnes Gray School PTA.

She is survived by her husband, Frank A. Gibson Jr. of Bethel; five children, Frank A. Gibson III of Ledgeview Living Center, George A. Gibson of Bethel, Jamie A. Gibson and her partner Marty of Bradford, Vt., Wilfred A. Gibson and his wife Deanna of Fort Worth Texas and Ira A. Gibson and his wife Kristin of Bethel; eight grandchildren, Theresa Gibson, Heather Gibson, Meagan Gibson, Joseph Clement Jr., Jeremy Clement, James Gibson, Kaitlynn Gibson, Elizabeth Gibson; two great-grandchildren, Noelle Clement and Cyrus Mills; a sister, Iva Holden and her husband Don of Norway; two brothers, John Allen and his wife Ingrid Erickson of Sumner, and Daniel Allen and his wife Nancy of Rockport; a sister-in-law, Roberta Gibson Smith Pevear and her husband Edward of Exeter, N.H.

She was predeceased by her parents and a sister Marion Tucker.

Memorial services are planned for June 6, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. at the Bethel Alliance Church with refreshments immediately after. If you wish to make any donations in her memory, the family is requesting they be made to the Bethel Ambulance Service or the Multiple Sclerosis Society.



HERMAN W. ABBOTT

Herman W. Abbott, 83, died Sunday, April 19, 2009 at his residence on the Whippoorwill Road, Rumford Point, Maine.

He was born May 19, 1925 in Rumford, Maine to Chesley and Clara (Farrar) Abbott. He attended schools in Rumford, graduating from Stephens High School in 1943. After graduation he joined the Navy. Before serving in the Pacific area, he went to the Navy diesel school in Detroit, Mich. While stationed there he met Midge Cosner, his future wife, and the love of his life. He received an honorable discharge as a Motor Machinist Mate 2nd Class in 1946. He and Midge married September 20, 1947 in Detroit before moving to Hale, Maine.

Herman worked at Glover Machine Company until 1951, when in January of that year he moved his family to Detroit, Mich. While living there he worked in numerous machine shops. In 1958, Herman moved his family back to Maine, settling in Rumford Point. He became a volunteer firefighter that same year until he was forced to retire in 1985 due to his age.

He worked as a machinist and was treasurer of the Woodworkers Federal Credit Union at Diamond National until 1974. He left there to buy Glover Machine Company where he worked until his

retirement in 1993.

For the next ten years, Herman and Midge traveled extensively by truck with camper in tow, including three trips to Alaska. He and Midge saw much of the U.S. and one of their favorite places was the Crazy Horse Memorial, in South Dakota. He loved his family, traveling, playing practical jokes and enjoyed a full and rich life. On July 30, 2003, his heart broke when he lost his beloved wife, with whom he is now reunited.

Herman was a nature lover, calling the great outdoors God's church. He often donated money to the Nature Conservancy.

Survivors include two daughters, Gloria Ellingwood and husband John of Waterboro, Christine Abbott and husband Herbert Campbell of Mexico; a son, Daniel Abbott and wife Monica Wood of Portland; four grandsons, Daniel Moore and wife Jenna of Denver, Colo., John Ellingwood, Jr. and wife Sandy of Waterboro, Jason Weston of San Diego, Calif., Jeffrey Weston of Denver, Colo.; two granddaughters, Wendy Truesdale and husband Adam of Waterboro, Jennifer Gurney and husband Gary of Rumford; five great-grandsons, Shawn Jernigan of Winterport, Joey and Corey Jernigan of Waterboro, Iain Gurney of Rumford, Jared Ellingwood of Waterboro and Maxton Moore of Denver, Colo.; he also leaves behind many nieces and nephews who will miss him dearly.

He was predeceased by his parents; his beloved wife Midge; two sisters, Ruth Lane of Boothbay Harbor and Dorothy McPherson of Rumford Point; and a brother Norman Abbott of Mexico.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Meader & Son Funeral Home, 3 Franklin Street, Rumford. Interment will be at the West Ellis Cemetery, Rumford. Friends are invited to call at the funeral home 6 to 8 p.m. Friday. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the Maine Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, 14 Main Street, Suite 401, Brunswick, ME 04011 in his memory. E-mail condolences and memories may be shared at meaderfh@awi.net.

FOSTER SERVICE

Graveside prayers will be said for Bertha C. Foster on Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m. for her burial at the Riverside Cemetery, Bethel. She died on March 25,



HAPPY 30th Jeremy

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PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on May 18, 2009 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License Renewal from 55 Milton located on 43 Main St., and Kowloon Village Chinese Restaurant located at 192 Main St. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org

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ISABEL K. BOYCE

Isabel K. Boyce, 83, of South Paris died Monday, April 20, 2009 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway.

She was born in Bethel on May 1, 1925 the daughter of Ceylon and Doris Davis Kimball. She attended Gould Academy and graduated from South Paris High School in 1944. She graduated from Winthrop Community Hospital School for Attendant Nurses in Winthrop, Mass., in 1947. She had been an L. P. N. at Cozy Inn, private duty nursing and at Pineland retiring in 1993. She had also been summer camp nurse at Tall Pines.

She married Bruce Boyce on Aug. 16, 1946. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting and spending time with her family. She did volunteer work at Central Maine Medical Center and the Maine Veterans' Homes. She enjoyed some traveling after her husband's death.

She is survived by her son, Kimball Boyce and his wife Vicki of South Paris; a daughter, Sharon Grant and her husband David of Bristol, R.I.; seven grandchildren, Christopher Boyce, Jennifer Tripp, Braden Boyce, Michelle Falanga, April Martin, Trevor Boyce and Jamie Thomas; 10 great-grandchildren; a sister, Adele Springer and her husband Keith of Texas; a brother, Richard Kimball and his wife Pat of East Bethel; two sisters-in-law, Joan Kimball of Rumford and Jeannette Kimball of Locke Mills; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband on May 16, 1994; children, Bradley and Michael Boyce and Muriel Letourneau; two brothers, Mellen Kimball and Donald Kimball.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 23, at 11 a.m. at Weston-Chandler Funeral Home 45 Main Street, South Paris with interment to follow at East Bethel Cemetery in Bethel. Remembrance donations can be made to Responsible Pet Care, 132 Waterford Road, Norway, ME 04268. Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.westonchandler.com.

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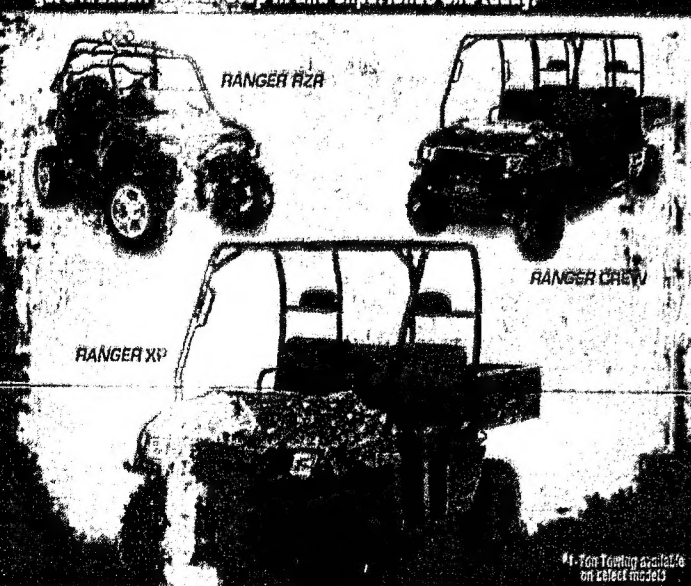
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